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# Survivor!

## THAT'S ANDY McCULLOCH

SOCER wanderer Andy McCulloch survived a horrific car accident which could have cost him his life.

The Crystal Palace striker had to crawl free from the wreckage of his overturned vehicle which was dripping petrol and in danger of exploding into flames.

Says Andy: "My fear was that the car would go up because there seemed to be petrol everywhere and the engine was still running."

The former Sheffield Wednesday star was returning home from a golf match in Worksop when he was involved in the terrifying crash in which his car overturned and ended up in a ditch.

"It was very frightening and I certainly realise how lucky I was," says Andy, who suffered an injury to his knee which kept him out of the Wednesday side for three months last season.

But Andy marked his comeback to the Hillsborough side by helping his team to a Milk Cup Quarter-Final meeting with Arsenal and to the FA Cup Semi-Finals.

But the biggest disappointment was missing out on promotion to the First Division for the third year running with the Sheffield giants.

And that was one of the reasons why he packed up his boots and headed back south in the close season to join Alan Mullery's exciting crusade at Crystal Palace.

"For the last three years, Wednesday have been on the verge of promotion but each time we've failed at the final hurdle.

"My spell at Hillsborough was the most frustrating part of my career. We have always been so near and yet so far. To miss out last term was a sickening blow.

"If we had gone up I would have probably stayed," says Andy, who was a great favourite with the Wednesday fans.

The famous club lost two of its favourite sons in the close season. Not only did Andy decide to call it a day, but manager Jack Charlton shocked the city by resigning.

Andy denies that his decision had anything to do with the departure of 'Big Jack' and says: "I had refused a new contract before he made any announcement.

"I was very surprised to hear that he had quit," says the Northampton-born goalscorer, who has seen service with QPR, Cardiff, Oxford and Brentford.

"Leaving Hillsborough was a very difficult decision to make because I've always got on well with the fans. I also like the area and love the people.

"But I've always wanted to end my career in the south, where I hope to open my own business. It was the best and only time to move on."

Andy's old club Brentford were the first to have talks with him when the news leaked out that he'd refused a new deal.

"I spoke to manager Fred Callaghan and was very impressed with his attitude. The club appealed to me because I had a good time at Griffin Park, and the place holds a lot of happy memories for me.

"But the Palace offer gave me a chance to stay in the Second Division. The move also suited me because my wife comes from the Hampton Court area of London and that's not too far from Selhurst Park."

Andy was also excited by the close-season signings at Palace and he explains: "Alan Mullery has shown himself to be ambitious by the players he brought to the club.

"The signings of proven players like Stan Cummins, George Wood and John Lacy prove that he's determined to give it a real go.

"Although Palace have suffered problems in the last few years, they have always had the nucleus of a good side. I've always rated defenders Jim Cannon and Billy Gilbert and I believe Vince Hilaire is one of the most

talented players in Division Two."

Andy, who plays alongside Kevin Mabbutt, says: "Promotion has got to be our priority."

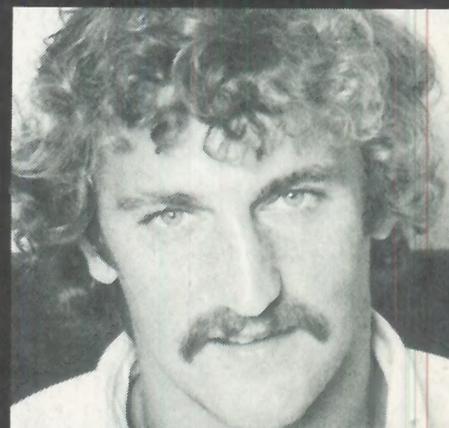
Andy signed on a free transfer and the deal keeps him at Selhurst Park for two years. During that time he hopes to notch up a personal landmark.

The 32-year-old explains: "I want to keep banging in the goals because I'm not far from scoring my 150th in the League. I'd love to pull that off."

Last season, Andy's outings for Wednesday were restricted by injury but he finished his career there with over 100 League appearances to his credit.

He admits he took a step down by leaving Sheffield and says: "Wednesday have the potential to be one of the top four clubs in the country. If they were in the First Division, they would be pulling in crowds as big as Manchester United."

"Palace have a Division One set-up but you can't compare them to Wednesday. They are steeped in tradition."



Jim Cannon . . . highly rated by Andy McCulloch

DAVID Fairclough is aiming to set Europe alight with a goal bonanza for tiny Swiss club Lucerne.

The 26-year-old former Liverpool striker saddled with the unenviable tag of 'Supersub' over the years is ready to make the big breakthrough on the Continent.

"I'm certain that the Lucerne fans will see the best of David Fairclough. I never had much of a chance in recent seasons to realise my full potential at Anfield," says David, who has signed a two-year contract.

"I believe I'm ready to earn a reputation as a goalscorer instead of a substitute, and I want to help bring some success to Lucerne at the same time."

There's a suggestion there that the former England 'B' international is keen to show Liverpool that he was worth far more than 64 full League games in nearly eight years.

He averaged a goal every other game when he had the chance, but as he points out: "It was always a battle for me to get a place in the side.

"I felt that if I had been given a chance last season, then I could have realised my full potential at Anfield.

"I was ready to make a serious challenge to regain my place in the side after nearly four years in the shadows, but I just wasn't given a chance.

"I scored three goals in three games towards the end of the season and that was it.

"If I had been given the opportunity then I'm certain I would have done well for the team."

"It's always difficult for a home-bred player to make it really big with Liverpool.

"There are a few exceptions, notably Phil Thompson and Tommy Smith, but generally the club have gone for big-money signings.

"Obviously that's worked in the way they have dominated the domestic scene in England, but it's frustrating for players like myself.

## Challenge

"When things are going badly, then it's more often the local boy rather than the big signing who gets left out.

"It was during last season that I felt it was time to move on and face a new challenge.

"That's why it wasn't a wrench to leave Liverpool when the time came.

"They offered me a new contract but I wasn't happy with the terms, and I felt it wasn't any use to me hanging around Anfield waiting for the odd game in the team."

David could have stayed in England, but he had always been attracted by the prospect of living abroad.

"With all due respect to the other clubs in the League, after being at Liverpool — where could you possibly go?" he says.

"A couple of clubs showed some interest but they waited and I was very impressed with the set-up and ambition of the Lucerne club.

"I received offers from nearly every European country, with the exception of Italy and Spain, but I felt I wanted to

# 'LEAVING LIVERPOOL WAS NO WRENCH'

by DAVID FAIRCLOUGH



make a go of it with Lucerne, who had been very good to me."

He's settled in Switzerland with a case-load of trophies and a bagful of happy memories from his 13-year connection with the League champions.

"It might have all been so different had I not suffered two knee injuries just after my best ever season in the side in 1977-78," he recalls.

"In that season, we defeated FC Bruges in the European Cup Final at Wembley and I thought I had at last made it.

"But those two knee operations kept me out of serious contention for around 18 months and since then it's been one long battle.

"I've no regrets about staying at Anfield for so long. I've picked up numerous trophies, including four Championships, two League Cup and a European Cup, but you can't go forever living on memories.

"At the age of 26 it was the right time to make a fresh start."

He's gone to the best supported club in Switzerland — they averaged around 10,000 last season — but they still have some ground to make up on the big two — Grasshoppers and Servette.

"Lucerne just missed out on a UEFA Cup place last season. They are going through a transitional period, but they are aiming for a top three spot this season in order to gain a European spot.

"I hope I can help them achieve some success in the next two years.

"After that, then who knows? If Lucerne have had some success, then I might want to stay in Switzerland.

"It's a lovely country and I must be living in one of the prettiest cities in the world.

"But I'm not looking beyond those two years or even the prospect one day of returning to the English First Division."

Left: David Fairclough — "It was no use hanging around at Anfield."

**BACK** in the late 1960s, two starry-eyed youngsters playing in a Liverpool boys' team dreamed of becoming professional footballers.

But not even in their wildest dreams could teenagers Dennis Mortimer and Kenny Swain have imagined the fairy-tale happenings that were ahead of them.

After leaving a Kirkby Boys' team, which also included former England international Terry McDermott, they went their separate ways in search of fame and fortune.

Dennis was snapped up by Coventry at the age of 15 while a few years later Kenny abandoned a career in teaching to sign for London giants Chelsea.

But the one-time Kirkby colleagues were later reunited at Aston Villa where they shared two glorious moments of triumph — League Championship success in 1981 followed by victory in the European Cup the following year.

"It's quite incredible that me and Kenny should find ourselves in the same side again after playing together at Kirkby all those years ago," reflects Dennis.

"And it's even more amazing

to think that we both went on to win League Championship and European Cup winners' medals ... it's a bit like a story from a 'Roy of the Rovers' annual."

It was in 1967 that Dennis and Kenny played their last game together at Kirkby and left the area to follow different careers ... Dennis in football and Kenny in teaching.

They met again over six years later when Kenny's club Chelsea played Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge ... although Dennis didn't recognise his former team-mate.

Admitting he's got a poor memory Dennis says: "I remember this player, who looked vaguely familiar, smiling and nodding at me when we passed each other during the game.

"I couldn't work out why he kept doing that because I was sure I didn't know him ... but he seemed to know me.

"I racked my brains trying to think where this guy might know me from. It wasn't until Kenny joined Villa from Chelsea that I eventually found out.

"But I didn't twig straight away. It wasn't until Kenny

produced an old photograph of Kirkby Boys with us both on it, that it finally registered.

"After that Kenny and I spent hours talking about the old days in Liverpool and the lads we used to play with."

Dennis and Kenny, who later moved on to Nottingham Forest, were not the only players from the Kirkby Boys' team who made the grade as professionals ... and won European Cup winners' medals.

Terry McDermott, now with Newcastle, has the same claim to fame, as does Liverpool's Phil Thompson who played in the Kirkby Boys' side a year after Kenny and Dennis.

Recalls Dennis: "It was a tremendous team in those days and it's quite incredible that it produced so many players good enough to make it as professionals.

"In addition to Kenny, Terry and myself a young lad called John McLaughlin was in the side and he later played for my boyhood heroes Liverpool when he was just 18.

"He was a great little player and I find it difficult to believe



Kenny Swain — played in the same Kirkby Boys' team as Dennis and Terry McDermott.



Dennis holds aloft the splendid European Cup with Kenny looking on.

# KIDS

that after leaving Anfield he virtually disappeared off the scene completely."

Dennis admits that he was green with envy when John signed for Merseyside giants Liverpool, the team he had supported from an early age.

He says: "I used to go and watch every home game and as I stood on the terraces I dreamed of playing for Liverpool and wearing the famous red shirt.

"My idols were people like Willie Stevenson, Tommy Smith and Peter Thompson ... there was no one to touch them in my eyes," recalls Dennis, who was born in the Liverpool overspill of Kirkby 32 years ago.

## Enjoyed

His first school was Rushey Hay Primary and he says: "I quite enjoyed going to school and was never one of those kids who played truant or wanted to stay at home.

"Probably the only reason I liked going there was because it was somewhere I could play football ... which I did every spare minute.

"Every lunchtime I would rush home from school, have a quick meal and then dash back in time to have a game on the field before afternoon lessons.

"And as soon as I got home at night I would be out on the streets kicking a ball about —

sometimes by lamplight until midnight.

"It was my brother David, who's a year older than me, who first got me interested in football and I can remember playing alongside him in the school team before he went up a grade.

"And he used to take me down to the local field for a game against some of the men in the area. It used to get very physical, but it was good training and taught you how to look after yourself."

After leaving primary school at the age of 11 Dennis went onto Brookfield Secondary Modern in Kirkby — a short distance from his home.

"It was only a five-minute walk, but I always used to run it in about two ... in fact I used to run everywhere in those days to keep me fit," he says.

"At Brookfield my sporting interests grew and I began to play more and more football.

"As a result I tended to neglect my school work ... I used up all my energy on the football field. But there were some subjects I enjoyed and was quite good at.

"I liked the practical lessons such as technical drawing and metalwork and always got good marks.

"I also enjoyed geography — but didn't claim to be any good at it — but like most kids, hated things like Maths and English Literature.

"I wasn't any good at English but that was because we hardly ever had a teacher — one had a nervous breakdown after teaching us for a while — and the lessons were a farce."

"I didn't get on too well at history either. The teacher was an old eccentric who left us to our own devices most of the time and so you can imagine that very little work was done."

"I was quite a shy boy at school and used to keep myself to myself while all the clowning was going on in class . . . I only ever expressed myself out on the pitch."

## Rival

It was while Dennis was at Brookfield that he played for Kirkby Boys alongside Kenny Swain and Terry McDermott, who both went to different schools in the Kirkby area.

He says: "Terry went to the local Catholic school which was always our greatest rival as far as football was concerned. They had probably the best school team in the area and always used

# FOR FAME

## How two Liverpool lads found success

to beat us.

"Kenny also went to a different school and we were always on opposite sides until we teamed up at Kirkby Boys."

It was while he was playing for Kirkby that Dennis was spotted by a Coventry scout when he was just 14 and invited to go down to Highfield Road for a trial.

## Terrified

That he did and the club later asked him to sign schoolboy forms and Dennis remembers vividly how the news was broken to him.

"I was at school one day when the headmaster summoned me to his office," he says. "I was terrified because I thought I had done something wrong and was going to get punished."

"He lectured me about how important education was and then went on to say that he had received a letter from Coventry who wanted me to sign on a schoolboy basis."

"He obviously wasn't very happy about it and felt my academic career should take preference over football . . . I felt

otherwise.

"When I spoke to my parents about it they left the decision up to me. I signed for Coventry and went down to the Midlands when I left school at 15.

"It was a big thrill for me because Coventry had just gone into the First Division. It was also a big challenge moving away from home at that age . . . I had never been further than across the Mersey on a ferry before."

"I made my debut for Coventry when I was 18 and ironically it was against Liverpool in an FA Cup tie. It was a really strange experience for me and I was a little overawed by it all."

"We drew 0-0 at Highfield Road, but they beat us 4-0 at Anfield in the replay," recalls Dennis, who moved across the Midlands to Aston Villa when he was 23.

And during his eight years at Villa Park he has won virtually every honour: The League Championship, the League Cup, the European Cup and the Super Cup.

He says: "I've had a marvellous career and done things I never even dreamed about as kid back in Kirkby."



Dennis celebrates after Villa had clinched the League Championship in 1981.



Hans Van Breukelen: "I thought I was never going to play again."

# HORRIFIED HANS

## 'I THOUGHT I'D NEVER PLAY AGAIN'

DUTCH international 'keeper Hans Van Breukelen feared injury had wrecked his career less than six months after he had joined Nottingham Forest.

A £165,000 buy from Dutch club Utrecht, Hans had played little more than twenty games in England when disaster struck . . .

He damaged his knee before Forest's Milk Cup-tie against Brentford and had to undergo a cartilage operation.

"There was no improvement after the operation and I thought I was never going to play again," says Hans.

### Bath

The injury occurred at home when Hans was about to climb into the bath. "The knee just seemed to click and for a while I couldn't move it," he says.

"But it didn't seem too bad the following day and I decided to play in the game against Brentford. That was the wrong decision and it made the knee worse."

"It was very sore after the game and the following day, when I bent down to pick something up at home, it locked and I couldn't move my leg at all."

Hans was admitted to hospital that weekend — forcing him to miss the Nottingham derby game against County — and had an operation he hoped would cure the injury.

And for a time he thought he was on the mend. "Although the knee was a little sore I felt sure the operation had done the trick," he recalls.

"But after about a week, it became very painful and began to swell up like a balloon. There was a lot of fluid on the knee and I had to have another operation to clean it out.

"It was very frustrating because I wasn't allowed to do any exercise for a while and just had to lie there."

It wasn't until the end of March that Hans was back in first team action and determined to start repaying the £165,000

Forest manager Brian Clough paid for him.

Hans was bought as a replacement for England international Peter Shilton at the beginning of last season.

Quite an unenviable task for the Dutchman, whose career in England got off to a disastrous start . . . he conceded eight goals in his first two away games.

And he admits: "I had never conceded eight goals in two matches before and it was not a very pleasant experience."

Four goals went past Hans as Liverpool swept to a 4-3 victory over Forest at Anfield, but he says: "It was still a marvellous experience for me playing at such a nice ground."

"A lot of players would be nervous playing in front of the 'Kop' but it didn't affect me and I felt good with such

a great atmosphere in the stadium.

"It was almost the same in my next away match at Aston Villa. The unfortunate part was that I let in four goals on both occasions, which doesn't look too good.

"But I knew in my own mind that I didn't play as badly as the scoreline indicated, even though I could understand why people were saying Forest had a goalkeeping problem."

### Hard

Hans says he knew what he was letting himself in for when he signed for Forest and admits: "I knew it would be hard taking over from Pete Shilton.

"He's one of the best goalkeepers in the world — if not the best — and whoever took his place was going to find it difficult.

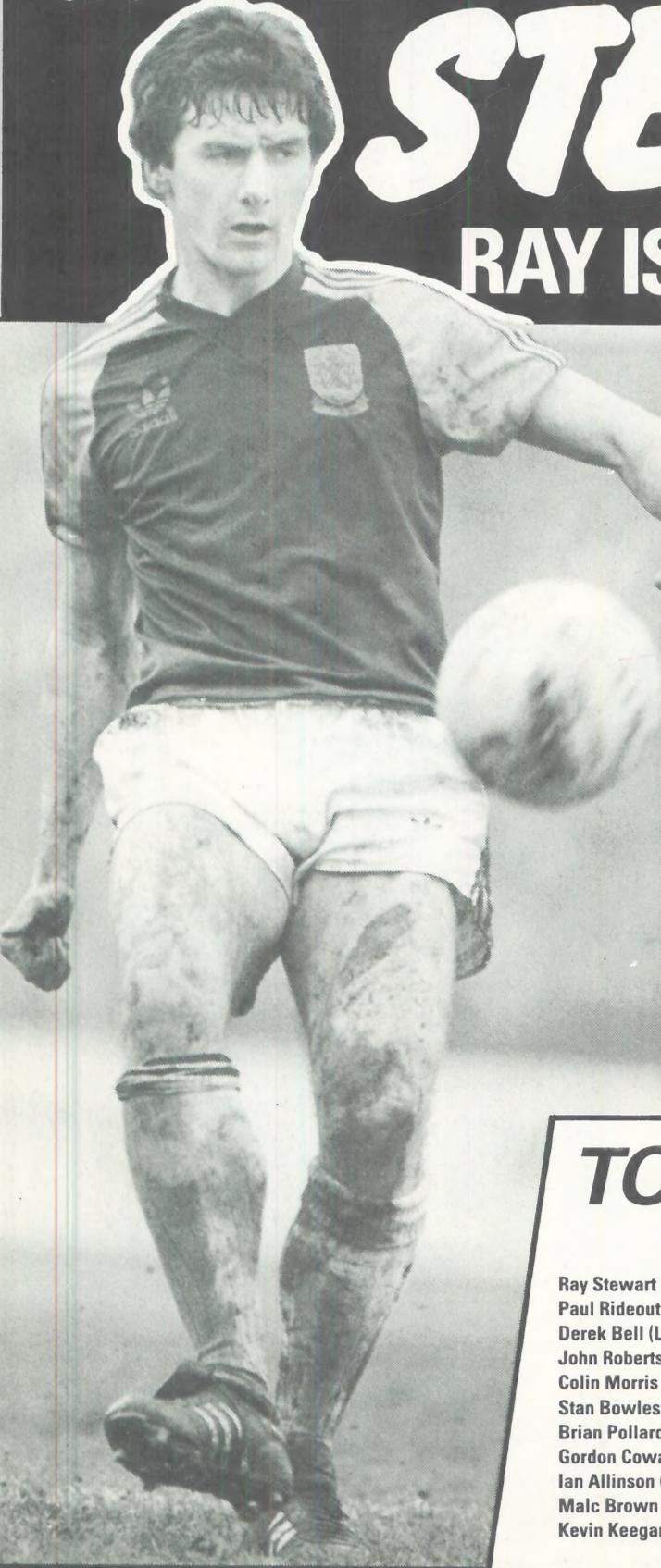
"Peter was a very popular player and the supporters were very unhappy to see him leave for Southampton.

"It took me a little time to settle in and start producing my best form, but the fans were very patient.

"Now I hope people are saying that Peter Shilton was a great goalkeeper, but Hans Van Breukelen is good too."

# HOT-SHOT STEWART!

## RAY IS THE PENALTY KING



WEST Ham's Ray Stewart is the most consistent penalty taker in the League ... his record over the past two seasons proves it.

For the last two years, Ray has ended the season with a total of ten goals from the penalty spot.

In 1982 he was second to Luton penalty expert David Moss and last season he emerged top of the charts, together with former Swindon striker Paul Rideout and Lincoln's Derek Bell.

Says the Scottish international "I've been delighted with my performances over the last two seasons — to score ten twice on the trot is not a bad average. "And what is more pleasing is that last season I missed just two spot kicks from the 12 I took."

Ray has been the penalty expert at Upton Park for the last four years, having taken over the role from Geoff Pike.

He recalls: "Geoff was injured for one particular game and I volunteered to take the

*Left: West Ham's Ray Stewart — the most consistent scorer from spot kicks over the last two seasons.*

spot kicks. I have been taking them ever since.

"I enjoy the job and the pressure doesn't worry me in the slightest. If it did, I wouldn't take them.

"People often ask me what I think about before taking a penalty, but I try to put everything out of my mind and concentrate on getting the ball over the white line between the sticks.

"It doesn't matter whether you are facing a Fourth Division goalkeeper or the world's best. If you place it well and strike it firmly, no 'keeper should stop it."

Ray says he doesn't practice taking penalties against 'keepers at West Ham during training, but says: "I often go into the gym and smash a few balls against the wall ... that way it doesn't destroy your confidence.

"I've been quite fortunate so far during my career, but I believe it's going to get harder from now on because I have a reputation for being a good penalty taker and have to live up to that."

Aston Villa's new signing Paul Rideout, formerly of Swindon, and Derek Bell of Lincoln City also ended up with ten goals from the penalty spot last season.

## TOP PENALTY-TAKERS

### ENGLAND

Ray Stewart (West Ham)	10
Paul Rideout (Swindon)	10
Derek Bell (Lincoln)	10
John Robertson (Forest, now Derby)	9
Colin Morris (Sheff Utd)	9
Stan Bowles (Brentford)	8
Brian Pollard (York)	8
Gordon Cowans (Aston Villa)	7
Ian Allinson (Colchester)	7
Malc Brown (Huddsfdl now Newcastle)	7
Kevin Keegan (Newcastle)	7

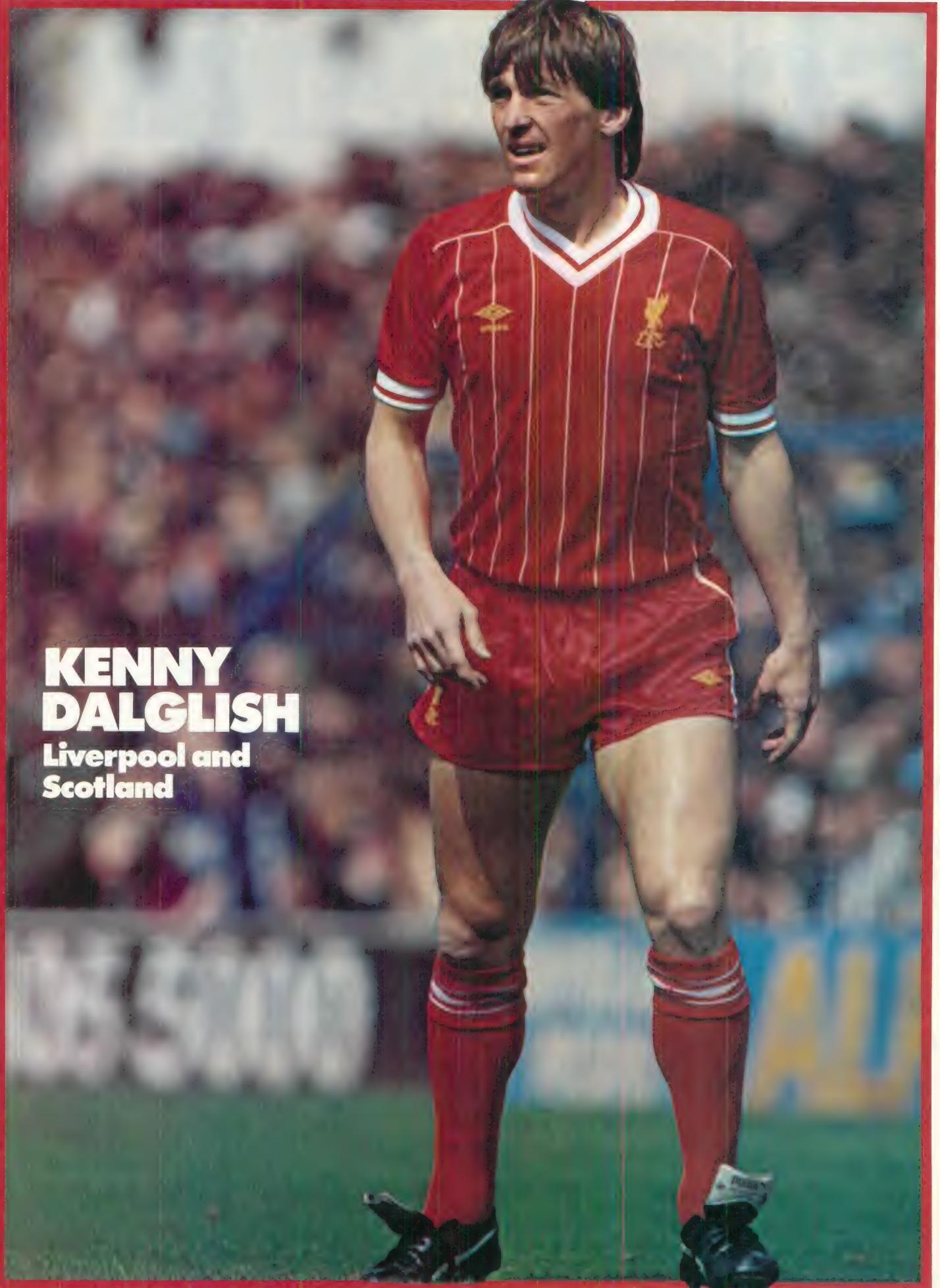
### SCOTLAND

Charlie Nicholas (Celtic, now Arsenal)	12
Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen)	9
Jamie Fairlie (Hamilton)	8
John Donnelly (Dumbarton, now Leeds)	7
Stuart McLean (Kilmarnock)	6
Hugh Hay (Stranraer)	6
George McCloy (Queen of Sth)	5
Graeme Armstrong (Berwick)	5
Colin Elvin (Brechin)	5
Eamonn Bannon (Dundee Utd)	5

● Last season's totals

**Paul Goddard power play!** The West Ham and former England Under-21 goal ace thunders the ball past defenders Martyn Bennett and Alistair Robertson during his club's 2-1 win over West Brom at the Hawthorns last season.





# KENNY DALGLISH

Liverpool and  
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# COCHRANE'S

## A TASTY TROPHÉE

### Terry's year to forget!



Terry Cochrane ... 12 wasted months at Ayresome Park.

TERRY Cochrane has relived the worst 12 months of his career.

The future looked rosy for the tricky Irish winger until things started going horribly wrong towards the end of the 1981/82 season.

The series of set-backs which hit the Middlesbrough player read like a catalogue of disaster ...

- In March, 1982 he was forced out of action with a niggling hamstring injury.
- In May Middlesbrough were relegated to the Second Division.
- In June the injury ruled him out of Northern Ireland's squad for the World Cup Finals in Spain.
- And in March of this year he was forced to go on loan to Hong Kong club Eastern Athletic after losing his place in the first-team at Ayresome Park.

Says Terry: "Those 12 months were a complete waste as far as my career was concerned. It was just one disaster after another and I was beginning to wonder where it was all going to end."

The 30-year-old forward looked to have a bright future in the game when he joined First Division Middlesbrough from Burnley in 1978.

But now Terry, who signed for a club record fee of £240,000, says: "It was probably not the right move for me and I should have stayed at Burnley and waited for a bigger club to come in for me ... I was too eager.

"I saw the move as a chance to make a name for myself in the top flight, but looking back I think I made the wrong decision.

"In fact the day after I signed for Middlesbrough, Arsenal came in for me and I often wonder how differently things would have been had I been more patient.

"But now I have to accept that I made a mistake and I've got to put the disastrous events behind me and battle on."

It all started going wrong for Terry in March 1982 when he suffered a hamstring injury while playing for Northern Ireland in the 4-0 defeat at the hands of France.

With the World Cup looming he was determined to get himself fully fit, but admits that he tried to come back too soon.

He says: "I was a fool to myself because instead of resting the leg I kept working on it and only succeeded in making things worse.

"Billy Bingham named me in his squad for the World Cup Finals and he gave me an extra couple of weeks to try and shake off the hamstring injury before joining up with the other players.

"But the injury didn't clear up and I had to ring him and say I couldn't go to Spain ... it was an

agonising decision to make and one of the biggest disappointments of my career.

"But there was no point in going out there and trying to hide the injury. I would only have let myself and the rest of the squad down — it was only fair to give someone who was fully fit the chance to go.

"It was agonising to watch the lads on television, but I was delighted to see them do so well."

Terry also had to sit back and watch as his Middlesbrough team-mates were relegated to the Second Division at the end of the 1981/82 season.

He missed all the games on the run-in and says: "Being injured and missing out on the World Cup was a big enough blow but to see the team drop out of the First Division was heartbreaking."

During the close season Terry managed to shake off his injury and he was back to his old form at the start of the new campaign.

But there were more disappointments around the corner as Middlesbrough boss Bobby Murdoch was replaced by the controversial Malcolm Allison.

Claims Terry: "When the new manager arrived he never gave me the chance to prove myself and show what I could do.

"He put a load of youngsters in the side — something he has done throughout his career — and the more experienced players like myself were dumped in the reserves.

"The annoying thing was that I didn't feel there was anyone worthy of keeping me out of the side."

The only appearances Terry made in the Middlesbrough side following the arrival of 'Big Mal' were as substitute.

Says the Irish international: "I came on as sub for six games on the trot, but that was the only chance he gave me.

"He went on record in one of the papers as saying that I had worked hard and done everything he had asked of me ... yet he still wouldn't put me in the team.

"It was obvious I wasn't going to get my place back so I went on loan to the Hong Kong club Eastern Athletic for a few months towards the end of the season."

He scored eight goals in 14 games for Eastern — a club coached by former England captain Bobby Moore — and his performances helped him regain the confidence he lost at Ayresome Park.

He says: "I really enjoyed it out there and proved I could still play a bit. The trip did me the world of good."

DAVID MacKinnon started his League career in the same Arsenal youth team as brilliant Eire trio Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton and David O'Leary.

But while they went on to find fame and fortune, David is only now beginning to reap the rewards of a brave fight against seemingly massive odds. He was:

- 'Gunned' out of Arsenal at 19.
- Had his career at Dundee wrecked by injury.
- Drilled into part-time football with Partick Thistle.
- Survived the potential killer disease of tuberculosis.

David, 26, is now the Rangers side's last season, admits: "My career at last seems to be moving forward after standing still for six years. During that time I was in limbo."

And the 26-year-old admits it could have been so different at mighty Arsenal if he hadn't been so impatient for his first team chance.

"I was at Highbury for four years and I wanted to go straight to the top," says David. Manager Bertie Mee promised me a run in the side.

"But that season Arsenal were in the wrong end of the First Division and he kept faith with Pat Rice."

"I was very ambitious and told him that if I didn't get a game I would look for another club. Looking back, I know I was jumping the gun."

Arsenal allowed the Glasgow-born right-back to return to Scotland where he joined Dundee, but his two years there only brought more disappointment.

"In my first game for them, I picked up an ankle injury which needed an operation and kept me out for six months."

"It didn't follow properly and in two years at Dundee Partick missed two matches. Things never really worked out for me there."

"In one of his rare appearances, David was kicked in the kidneys ... It was a kick that could have cost him his career."

"It was nine months later, while I was playing for Partick that I began to feel the real effects of that kick. I couldn't understand it because I was always feeling lifeless and tired."

Things got so bad that worried David sought medical advice and discovered that he was suffering from the dangerous

disease of T.B.

Despite being rocked by that devastating news, David continued his job as a sales representative and playing for Premier Division Partick.

He even impressed international selectors enough to be chosen for the Scottish League team to meet their Irish counterparts.

He remembers: "I roomed with St Mirren goalkeeper Billy Thomson and he must have thought I was a junkie because I was taking 14 drugs a day!"

But the situation couldn't continue and doctors finally gave David an ultimatum: "Have surgery or quit the game."

"It was a big decision for me to make because football was my life and I couldn't imagine living without playing."

The defender went for the operation and was admitted to a Glasgow hospital in September 1980 ... three months later he was playing for Thistle reserves and in January he had reclaimed his place in the first team.

"I was very pleased with the recovery time but my general fitness was a great help and the doctors put in extra work because my livelihood was at stake."

Surgery proved to be the turning point for the likeable Scotsman as even though his team were relegated in 1982, he attracted scouts from top clubs both in England and Scotland.

## Rumours

"I heard rumours that Everton and St Mirren were interested but when Rangers came in there was no choice to make. I used to watch them from the terraces at Ibrox and they were my heroes."

Last season was his first in the famous blue of the Glasgow giants and he helped the team get off to a great start and they were widely tipped to make their strongest title challenge for years.

David says: "We had a tremendous unbeaten run and then everything fell apart when we were hammered 5-0 by Cologne in the UEFA Cup."

"That was slated in the Press as Rangers' worst ever defeat in Europe. After that, players' heads went down and we lost confidence. We started to pick up again in February but by then our League chances had gone."

"Everyone talked in terms of last season being a disaster for the club but they forget we reached two Cup Finals."

David started the season at right-back until a knee ligament injury gave former Rangers skipper Ally Dawson a chance of a comeback.

"Ally played so well that when I was fit I moved into midfield," says David, who proved a big hit in his new role and finished the season with no fewer than 15 'Player of the Year' awards from the different Rangers supporters clubs.

This season he has set his sights on retaining his place in the Rangers side and helping them lift the Premier Division title: "That's so important to the club and its supporters. It's time we had some success."

# Mackinnon does it THE HARD WAY



**LAST** season was without doubt the worst of my career...

I began the campaign with high hopes of picking up a medal or two with Spurs and firmly establishing myself in the England squad — but achieved neither.

A series of niggling injuries didn't help my cause and in the end I was glad to see the back of the 1982/83 season.

And yet it was one which started so well and promised so much...

It all began with me leading out the Spurs side for our

Charity Shield clash with Liverpool at Wembley a year last August. That has to be one of the proudest moments of my career.

Steve Perryman, our normal skipper, was unfit and I was given the job of 'captain for the day'. It was an occasion to treasure as I walked across the famous Wembley turf holding the FA Cup we had won the previous season.

It would have been even better if I had been holding the Charity Shield aloft after 90 minutes, but unfortunately Liverpool beat us 1-0 to take the trophy. Still, it was a great day and one I shall never forget.

Our League campaign got off

to a steady start and, after a 2-2 draw against First Division newcomers Luton, we beat Ipswich 2-1 at Portman Road.

The team was playing well and I was quite pleased with the way I had started the season ... the scene was set for a great year.

But just as I was building up my hopes, disaster struck.

After just 19 minutes of our game against Southampton at White Hart Lane, I was involved in a collision with Saints defender Reuben Agboola and I felt the top half of my knee go one way and the bottom half the other.

I couldn't move my leg and had to be stretchered off the

field. I knew something horrible had happened.

My worst fears were realised when I was told I had badly damaged ligaments and would have to undergo an exploratory operation. My leg was put in plaster and I was out of action for several weeks.

That was bad enough in itself, but what made it even worse was having to miss out on England's European championship opener against Denmark, and the prestige friendly against West Germany later in the year.

I desperately wanted to be part of the England manager Bobby Robson's first squad and hopefully make a good

impression.

But I was going to have to wait for that and my immediate concern was to shake off the injury and get back into first team action at White Hart Lane.

The injury occurred early in September and it wasn't until the end of October that I eventually made a comeback — in a charity match between my own XI and an Entertainers XI.

Everything went well and I was able to make my League return against Watford and, although we lost 1-0 and I was a bit rusty, it was just great to be back.

But there was disappointment just around the corner when Spurs were knocked out of the European Cup Winners Cup by the West German side Bayern Munich.

I was still not 100 per cent fit at this stage and failed to make the England squad for the European Championship game in Greece — a game the lads won comfortably 3-0.

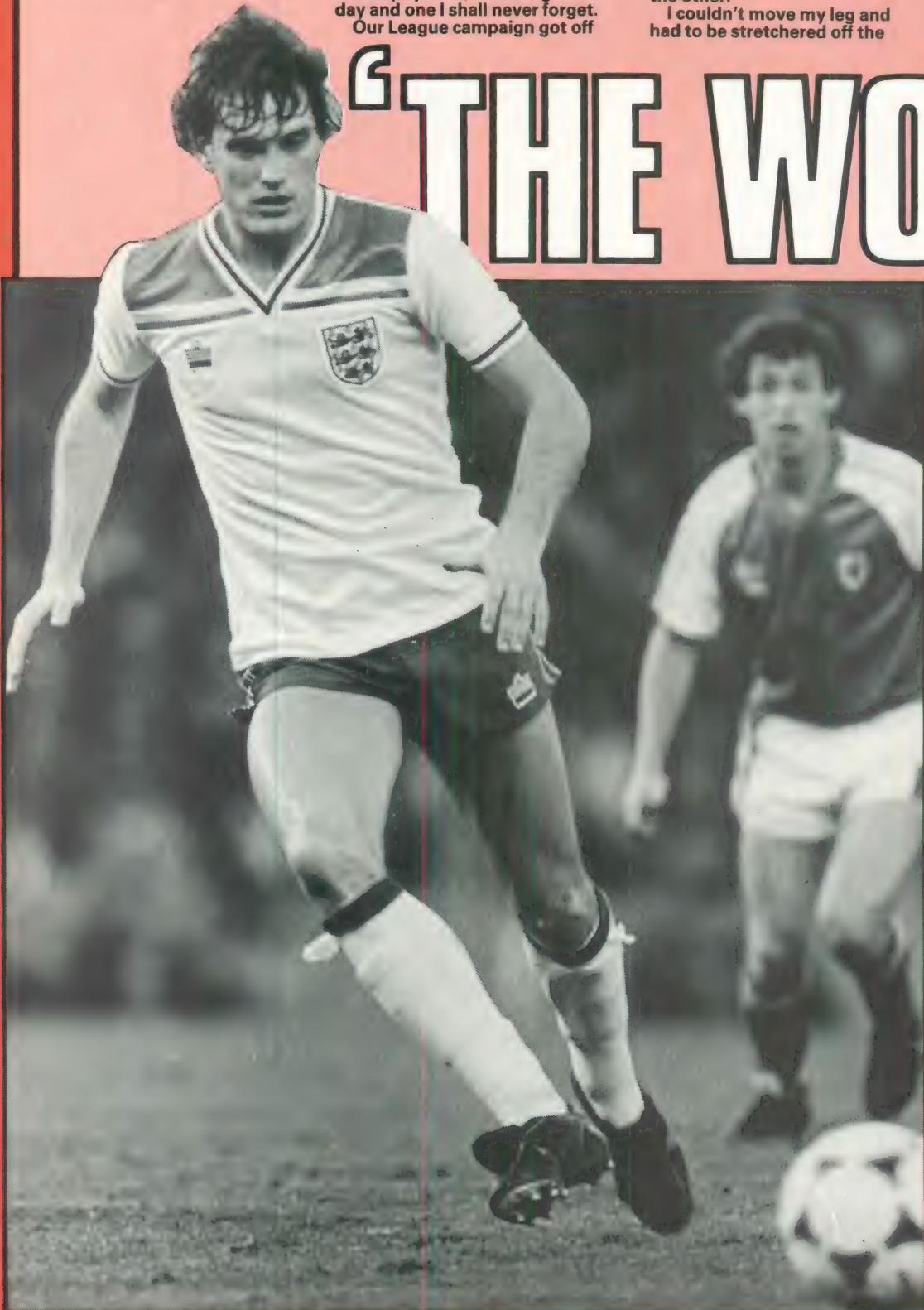
While being a little disappointed at missing the trip, I could understand Bobby Robson's thinking.

But I was determined to play in the next international against Luxembourg at Wembley in December, although a septic toe did threaten my chances at one point. The latest injury wasn't serious, but the fact that I had suffered so many in a such a short space of time was getting me down.

Injuries seemed to plague the whole club, not just me, and it was only because we had such a strong squad that we were able to cope with the situation

*Left: Glenn in action for England — "Injuries ruined my chances of establishing myself in Bobby Robson's squad," he says.*

# 'THE WORST'





# SEASON OF MY CAREER'

## by GLENN HODDLE

and maintain a respectable mid-table position in the League as we approached Christmas.

It was at this stage of the season that rumours first began about me leaving Spurs at the end of the campaign. Stories in the Press were mere speculation because I had made no decision whatsoever about my future.

What I was more concerned about at the time was helping Spurs climb the table and regain my place in the England squad ... and that I did.

Although I started the game

against Luxembourg on the substitutes' bench I did get on near the end and scored one of the goals in the 9-0 drubbing.

That gave me a real boost and as I began the New Year I was hoping my fortunes had at last changed and my injury problems were behind me.

And 1983 couldn't get off to a better start for me ... on Friday, January 14 my wife, Anne, gave birth to our first child — a baby daughter we called Zoe.

I've never been so happy and proud as the time when she arrived in the world and actually being present at the

**FLASHBACK:** A sad sight as 'Match' columnist Glenn Hoddle is stretchered from a field following a collision with Southampton's Reuben Agboola.

birth was a marvellous experience and one I shall never forget.

The following day I played the last 20 minutes of our game against Luton and scored what proved to be my only League goal of the season.

So things couldn't have been better ... until we crashed out of the Milk Cup at the hands of Second Division Burnley in the Quarter-Finals.

Our 4-1 defeat in front of our home fans was a bitter blow and a personal nightmare for defender Graham Roberts, who scored two own goals.

We made up for that disappointment by beating West Brom 2-1 in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup. I was forced to miss that game through yet another injury, strained ankle ligaments sustained in a League match against Sunderland.

The injury also meant I was unable to start our FA Cup fifth round clash with Everton at Goodison Park.

Although Keith Burkinshaw did bring me on with 20 minutes to go to try and salvage something as we were 1-0 down, it was to no avail and Everton ran out 2-0 winners and our hat-trick dream lay in tatters.

I wasn't 100 per cent fit and looking back it was the wrong decision to play those last 20 minutes and it served only to make the injury worse.

I was out of action for over two months and once again missed out on two chances to establish myself in the England side.

I was named in the squad for the British Championship game against Wales in February but was forced to pull out because the ankle injury still hadn't cleared up.

And the European Championship game against Greece — a dull 0-0 draw — came round just a couple of weeks too soon for me as I was still not back to full, match fitness.

Being sidelined for so long was very frustrating and the only thing that kept me going while I was out of action was having baby Zoe around ... she helped me beat my injury blues.

Finally — with about eight games of the season remaining — I was fully fit and enjoyed what was probably my best spell of the season.

I found my old form again and was able to help Spurs clinch a place in Europe ... the only thing we had left to play for.

And so a season which promised so much came to an end and I was left to reflect on 'what might have been.'

It was also the time for me to start thinking about where my

future lay. Should I sign a new contract with Spurs, or should I try to fulfil my ambition of playing on the Continent.

With my contract at White Hart Lane due to expire, I made up my mind to leave the club I had been associated with since I was 11 in favour of a career abroad — preferably in Italy.

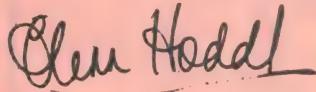
But it's history now that a move didn't materialise — although there were plenty of options open to me — and I decided to sign a new one-year contract with Spurs.

At one stage, I looked set to sign for Italian club Roma but the deal collapsed at the last minute and of the other foreign clubs interested in me few were bigger and better than Spurs.

I was only concerned with bettering myself and that's why I decided to stay on Spurs.

And I was only too happy to do so because I felt that, with the squad of players now at White Hart Lane, we could enjoy a really successful season and hopefully lift the League Championship trophy next May.

It was also a chance for me to bury the disappointments of last season and show Tottenham and England fans the real Glenn Hoddle...



*Below: Glenn cycles his way back to fitness with a bit of overtime work in the gym.*





**Top left:** A little white rabbit moves in to share the limelight with Crystal Palace striker Andy McCulloch and keeper Kirsty.

**Top left:** A little white limelight with Crystal Palace striker Andy daughter Kirsty.  
**Top right:** Scotland's former tough guy defender Kenny Burns shares the enjoyment of a rocking horse ride with daughter Emma.  
**Bottom:** Scotland jersey is a trifle too big at the moment as England's David Unsworth wears one

**Top right:** Burns shares the enjoyment of daughter Emma.  
**Below left:** The Scotland jersey is a trifle too big at the moment for daughter Fiona but she enjoys wearing one of the treasures of Notts County striker Iain McCulloch and his wife, Ann.

**Below right:** Kenny Sansom's T-shirt tells it all as daughter Natalie puts her feelings into words.  
**Bottom left:** Ipswich striker Eric Gates relaxes in the garden with his wife Ruth and son Martyn.

# The tender touch



# 'The First Division seemed a million miles away'

## — KENNY HIBBITT

# MOLINEUX MIRACLE

WOLVES were just three minutes away from extinction . . . and even closer to losing their most loyal player.

As the club tottered precariously on the brink of financial disaster, long-serving Kenny Hibbit left to play in America with a vow never to return to Molineux.

Recalling the disastrous events of last summer, Kenny says: "I couldn't believe it when I heard the club was bankrupt and I just wanted to get away and leave the problems behind.

### No future

"I went to play in America for Seattle Sounders and I had made up my mind that I wouldn't come back to Wolves because I felt I didn't have a future at the club.

"I was looking for a new lease of life and wanted to play somewhere I knew I could enjoy the last few years of my career . . . I didn't think I could do that at Wolves."

It was while Kenny was away in the States that former Wolves hero Derek Dougan came to the rescue . . . this time with much-needed cash instead of goals.

And it was 'The Doog' who persuaded Kenny to return to the club where he has spent the last 15 years of his career.

Recalls the loyal midfielder: "Derek called me on the phone, explained that he had taken over at Wolves and that he wanted me to come back.

"He told me it was a different club to the one I had left behind just a few weeks before. At first I thought it was just a bit of sweet talk to get me back.

"I didn't believe that there could have been such a drastic change and I wasn't at all certain about returning to Molineux, which had been like a morgue when I left.

"But I agreed to go back and talk to Derek and I was amazed at the transformation the club had undergone in such a short time.

"The place was alive again and you could smell success in the air. After that, I was only too happy to stay.

"It needed someone like Derek Dougan to put a smile back in the club — something which had been lacking for quite a while.

"Before, players didn't enjoy training and we were afraid of Saturdays, but everyone was looking forward to them again. And that was a feeling I hadn't had for a few seasons."

Under new manager Graham Hawkins, things continued to improve for Wolves who returned from the dead to bounce back to the First Division.

Says Kenny, who signed a

two-year contract on his return from America: "It's incredible how things have turned out for me and the club.

### Dying

"Little more than a year ago, I was considering quitting the club which seemed to be dying away . . . and yet now I'm back playing in the top flight with them.

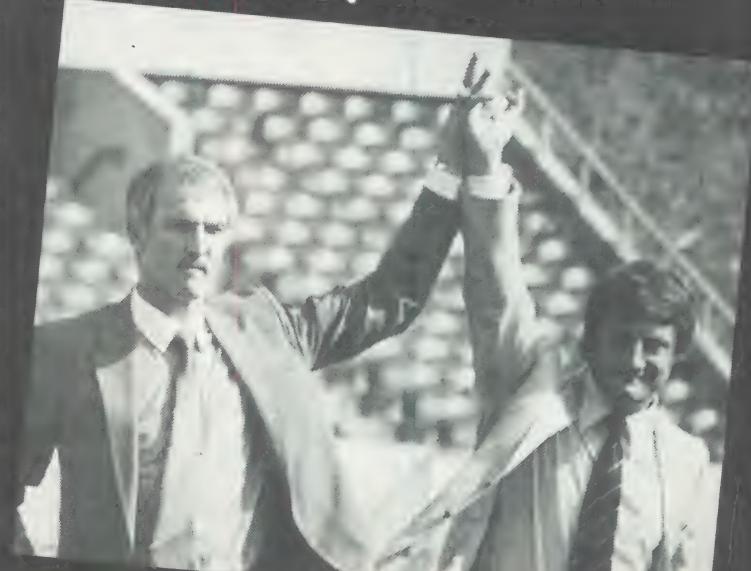
"There's nothing better than turning out at places like Anfield and Old Trafford and playing in front of big crowds . . . it's the only place to play."

Kenny admits that he was

as excited about the start of this season as he was about his first at Molineux over 15 years ago.

"It's marvellous to have another crack at the First Division, which seemed a million miles away last year. Hopefully I can stay there with Wolves and lift a trophy or two before I retire."

Wolves saviours Derek Dougan (left) and his financial director Stuart Ross salute the crowd before the opening game of last season . . . Wolves were back.



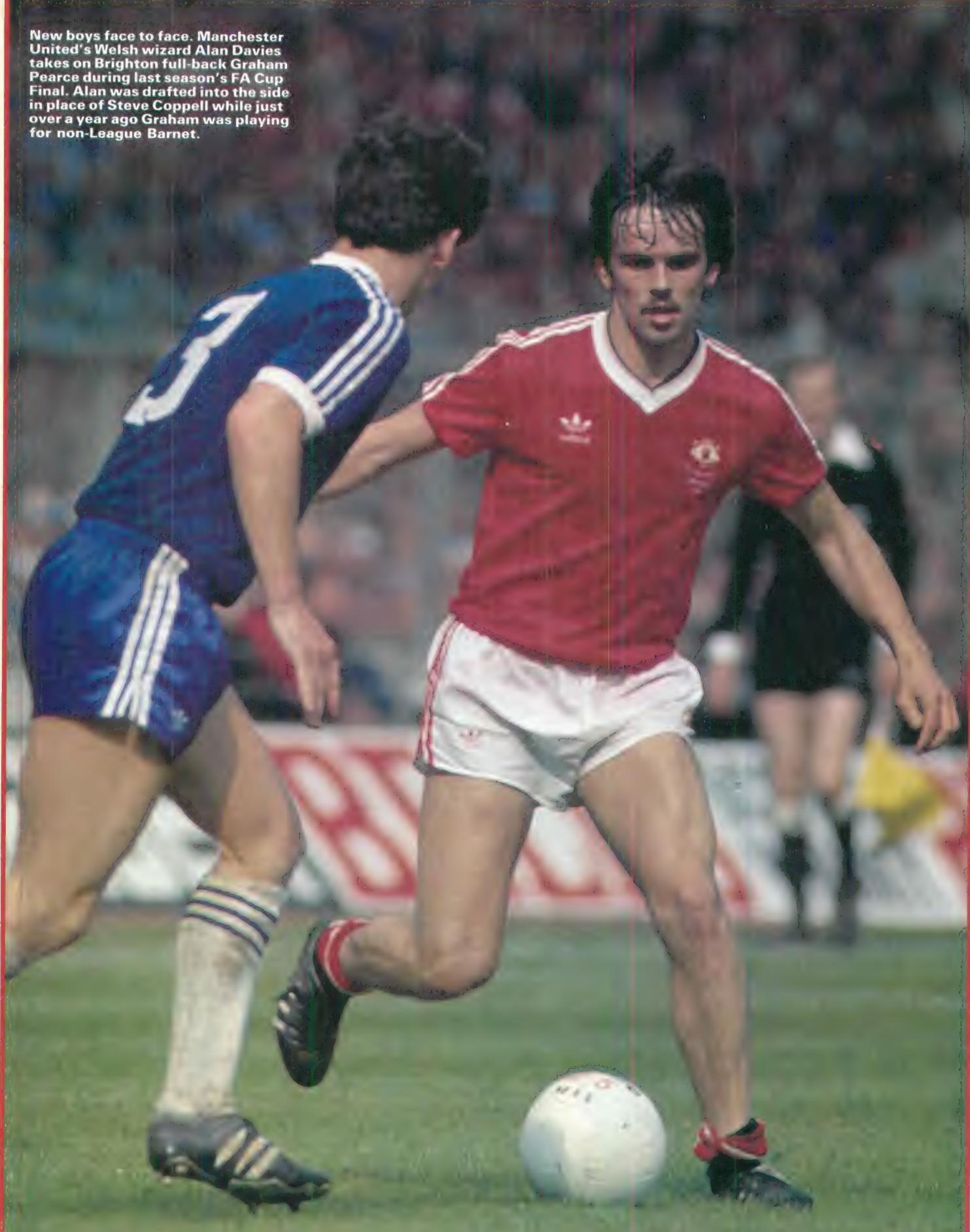
# IAN WILSON

Leicester



**match**

**New boys face to face.** Manchester United's Welsh wizard Alan Davies takes on Brighton full-back Graham Pearce during last season's FA Cup Final. Alan was drafted into the side in place of Steve Coppell while just over a year ago Graham was playing for non-League Barnet.



LIVERPOOL striker Ian Rush has relived the 31 goals which helped his club to win the League Championship, the Milk Cup and the Charity Shield.

Although Ian finished below former Watford player Luther Blissett in the League scoring charts, he was the top Division One marksman overall.

It's the second season in succession that the former Chester striker has reached the magical 30 figure ... and he did it in style.

He hit three hat-tricks last season, including four goals against great Merseyside rivals Everton, the team he supported as a kid.

"That was an incredible day for me and one I won't ever forget," recalls Ian. "Everything I touched turned to gold ... I probably won't ever have another game like that."

Although scoring against Everton — at Goodison Park as well — gave Ian most pleasure, he believes his best goal of the season came in the match

against Watford at Anfield in December.

"It was a well-worked goal with a good finish ... a team effort," he says. "In fact it was because the whole team played well throughout the season that enabled me to score so many goals.

"And Kenny Dalglish must take a lot of credit because he probably set up more goals for me than anyone else in the Liverpool side."

As Ian expected, his second season in the first team at Anfield was harder than the first and he says: "The marking was a lot tighter but I overcame that by working harder than ever in training and on the field ... and it paid off.

"I was delighted with my performance last season — particularly as I missed the last seven games through injury — but I realise it's going to be even tougher from now on and I don't expect to hit the 30 mark again next year."

#### GOAL 1 — Aug 21 v Spurs in the Charity Shield at Wembley 1-0...

"I couldn't have wished for a better start to the season. Phil Thompson made a 30-yard run upfield and played the ball through to me. I ran up to Ray Clemence, took it round him and slotted the ball home."

#### GOAL 2 — Sept 7 v Notts Forest (h) 4-3...

"My first League goal of the season and it couldn't have come at a better time. The score was 3-3 and, with just a minute to go, the ball came through to me and I took it past the 'keeper before hitting it home to clinch the points."

#### GOAL 3 — Sept 11 v Luton (h) 3-3...

"Graeme Souness played a great ball through to me and I hit it from the edge of the box into the top corner of the net."

#### GOAL 4 — Sept 14 v Dundalk European Cup 1st Round (a) 4-1...

"A close range shot, but from a narrow angle. I struck the ball really well and it flew into the far corner."

#### GOAL 5 & 6 — Sept 18 v Swansea (a) 3-0...

"The first one was when Swansea 'keeper Dai Davies dropped a low cross which fell at my feet and I had the simple job of tapping into an empty net... but I don't remember the second."

#### GOAL 7 & 8 — Oct 5 v Ipswich Milk Cup Second Round (a) 2-1...

"The first came when I was racing for the ball alongside Terry Butcher and I managed to get my foot to it first and push it past the 'keeper off the post. The second came after a scramble in the penalty area, the ball dropped to me five yards out and I just hit it."

# RUSH

#### GOAL 9, 10, 11 & 12 — Nov 6 v Everton (a) 5-0...

"One of the most incredible games of my career ... I just couldn't do anything wrong. The first came when Alan Hansen beat a couple of players on one of his surging runs from the back and played the ball through to me. I took it on and pushed it through the 'keeper's legs.

The second was again set up by Alan Hansen, who pushed the ball through to me, I turned and hit a shot from 20 yards which deflected off a defender past the stranded Neville Southall.

"My hat-trick goal came when my first shot hit the post, rebounded to me and I followed it in. And the fourth was when Sammy Lee put me through, I took it round the 'keeper and slotted it home ... what a day!"

#### GOAL 13, 14 & 15 — Nov 13 v Coventry (h) 4-0...

"My second hat-trick within the space of a week. The first two were both snap shots with my left foot from inside the area. The third was when I cut in from the right and hit another left foot shot into the bottom corner."

#### GOAL 16 — Dec 11 v Watford (h) 3-1...

"Probably my best goal of the season. Kenny Dalglish beat a player and hit a great ball through to me, I turned and hit it from the edge of the area and it flew into the bottom corner to finish a good move."



The outstretched arm of Spurs 'keeper Ray Clemence can't stop Ian opening his account in the first game of the season at Wembley.



*Left: Ian pushes the ball through the legs of 'keeper Neville Southall for the first of his four goals against Merseyside rivals Everton.*

*Above: Ian's 28th goal of the season against the Polish side Widzew Lodz ... but it wasn't enough to keep Liverpool in the European Cup.*

# OF GOALS

## GOAL 17 — Dec 18 v Aston Villa (a) 4-2...

"Graeme Souness played the ball square to me about eight yards out and I tapped it past the stranded 'keeper."

## GOAL 18 — Dec 27 v Man City (h) 5-2...

"Our fourth goal and the one that clinched the match. I was put through by Alan Kennedy down the left and as I got inside the area I saw Joe Corrigan rushing out so I decided to try and bend it .... fortunately it worked."

## GOAL 19, 20 & 21 — Jan 1 v Notts County (h) 5-1...

"My third hat-trick of the season. The first goal was a close range header from a Sammy Lee cross ... the only one I scored with my head all year."

The second was a scramble in the area and I tapped in from about three yards, and the third came from another goalmouth melee and I got my foot to it first."

## GOAL 22 — Jan 3 v Arsenal (h) 3-1...

"The Arsenal players claimed I handled the ball but I actually knocked it down with my chest before hitting it home."

## GOAL 23 — Jan 8 v Blackburn FA Cup Third Round (a) 2-1...

"Not the greatest goal I've ever scored. A shot from five yards which found its way to the net."

## GOAL 24 — Jan 15 v West Brom (a) 1-0...

"David Hodgson knocked the ball through to me, I turned my defender and hit a shot into the roof of the net to give us the points."

## GOAL 25 — Jan 29 v Stoke FA Cup Fourth Round (h) 2-0...

"After playing a one-two with Kenny Dalglish I had just the

'keeper to beat and I hit it past him as he rushed out."

## GOAL 26 — Feb 5 v Luton (a) 3-1...

"They had just scored and straight from the kick-off we moved up-field, the ball came through to me and from six yards out I knocked it into the bottom corner."

## GOAL 27 — Mar 12 v West Ham (h) 3-0...

"I don't remember much about it but I think it was a simple tap-in from a few yards out."

## GOAL 28 — Mar 16 v Widzew Lodz European Cup Quarter Final (h) 2-2...

"A cross came over from Sammy Lee and after a mix-up in defence the ball dropped to me. I saw the 'keeper coming out and I just slipped it under his body ... but it wasn't enough to keep us in the competition."



*Ian's brilliant striking partner at Liverpool, Kenny Dalglish.*

## GOAL 29 & 30 — Mar 22 v Brighton (a)...

"We were 2-0 down at one stage but I managed to put us back in the match when the 'keeper dropped my original shot and I followed up and forced it over the line. The equaliser came three minutes from time when Kenny Dalglish put me through and I lobbed the 'keeper from 20 yards."



*Ian Rush — 31 goals in all competitions last season.*

## GOAL 31 — April 9 v Swansea (h) 3-0...

"Kenny played the ball to me with the intention of doing a one-two, but I stopped it, turned and hit a shot in from close range."

Name .....Graham Rix Born ..... Doncaster  
 23, 1957 Height ..... 5ft 10ins Weight.....

**GRAHAM** Rix's impressive performances for Arsenal over the past few years earned him England recognition, notably in the 1982 World Cup Finals when he figured in every match, but what makes him tick. Our in-depth profile provides some of the answers.

**How did you get your chance with Arsenal?**

**GRAHAM:** I was about 13 at the time when Billy James, an Arsenal scout in Yorkshire, spotted me playing in a Sunday League round Doncaster for Askern.

I had already been to Sheffield United and was prepared to sign for them until my father advised me to bide my time in case other clubs came in.

I also had offers from Doncaster and my schoolboy favourites Leeds United, but after visiting Arsenal there was only one team in it.

It's funny, but I had never had much time for Arsenal, probably because I was a northerner, and I

had always wanted to play for Leeds.

When I went to Leeds I trained with Jack Charlton and Paul Madeley who were two of my heroes, but I felt that Arsenal had a better record of producing youngsters through their ranks.

I went to Arsenal in the school holidays and during that time I met up with David O'Leary and John Devine. I then signed as an apprentice professional when I was 16.

**You are the idol of so many Arsenal fans but who are your favourite British players — past and present?**

**GRAHAM:** I was a big Leeds fan in my schooldays although I didn't see them as often as I

# STAR GRAHAM RIX

would have liked because of football commitments.

Players like Eddie Gray, Johnny Giles and Billy Bremner were special favourites, although Eddie ranks as the best in my mind.

He's still a tremendous all round player who simply oozes class, and, had it not been for a succession of injuries, I'm sure he would have achieved even more in the game.

On the present scene, my close pal Glenn Hoddle is, I believe, head and shoulders above everybody else at the moment.

I'd also pay to watch the talents of Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton, two of my old Arsenal buddies, but for me Glenn is the tops.

I have to admit that when I go and watch Tottenham in action, I only have eyes for Glenn, and I don't mean to be disrespectful to the other lads. I think they appreciate what a brilliant player he is.

He has so much skill and class. He can control a ball with any part of his anatomy, can hit sixty yard or ten yard passes with equal precision, can crack a ball with both feet and has tremendous vision.

**And your favourite other team?**

**GRAHAM:** It's got to be Leeds because they were my boyhood favourites. I don't know the players that well now, but I would love them to get back into the First Division.

They had a tremendous team in the seventies although my memories go right back to the days of their black left-winger Albert Johannesson.

**What is your favourite ground in England?**



Experienced full-back Sammy Nelson consoles Graham after Arsenal's 1-0 FA Cup Final defeat by West Ham in 1980.

Arsenal coach Don Howe congratulates young Paul Vaessen whose last minute goal against Juventus had put the Londoner's through to the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1980.

**GRAHAM:** White Hart Lane, home of North London rivals Tottenham, ranks as one of my favourite grounds even though we suffered a 5-0 hiding there last season.

There's always a tremendous atmosphere in the stadium and the pitch always allows you to play football.

I can remember winning 5-0 there in December 1978. We scored some magic goals that day and produced one of the best Arsenal performances I can remember.

Probably you can recall one of them, a viciously, bending drive by Liam Brady from about 25 yards, and Alan Sunderland weighed in with a hat-trick.

I also enjoy playing at Maine Road because of the playing

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surface and the atmosphere, and, of course, Elland Road at Leeds also holds special memories for me.

#### How about your favourite foreign stadium?

**GRAHAM:** I enjoyed playing at the Bilbao stadium in Spain where we faced France in our opening game in the 1982 World Cup Finals.

There was a tremendous atmosphere and it was an enjoyable experience being involved in that tremendous 3-1 victory.

I was also impressed with the Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid but not with the disappointing goalless draws against Spain and West Germany.

From a club point of view, I liked the set-up at Juventus where we played in the Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Final in 1980.

I can remember walking on to the pitch with Liam Brady who said that he wouldn't mind playing on it every week because it was in such a good condition.

Little did we know then that two years later he would be playing on it regularly for the Italian side.

#### Who is your favourite foreign player?

**GRAHAM:** I was very impressed with Brazil's Zico during the World Cup Finals in 1982.

He was by far the most outstanding player in the competition, producing the magic despite being under constant pressure.

Socrates and Falcao were also impressive, but they didn't have players like Gentile up their backsides every second.

For Zico to manage all the tricks while closely marked, then he must be class.

#### What would you consider the best goal you have ever scored?

**GRAHAM:** The last ditch equaliser at Leeds last season in the FA cup Fourth Round meant a lot to me.

My family were all there, I was on home territory, and I kept Arsenal in the Cup with a speculative long range free-kick in the dying seconds of extra-time.

I had tried the same kind of kick in the past and I either hit

the sidenetting or put the ball in the crowd.

Fortunately for me it came off and it squirmed past John Lukic. If it hadn't, I would have received a real roasting and my team-mates would have jumped on me to throttle me instead of patting me on the back.

#### What is the most memorable match you have played in?

**GRAHAM:** There are two that stick out in my memory, one at Aston Villa, the other in Italy.

The First Division fixture at Villa in November 1981 when, because of injuries, I played for the first time as a striker alongside Paul Vaessen.

We won 2-0 that day and I had a blinder just playing behind big Paul. I scored one of the goals and laid on the other for Brian Talbot.

Paul was also heavily involved in my other memorable match over in Turin when we beat Juventus 1-0 to reach the final of the Cup Winners' Cup in 1980.

After drawing 1-1 at Highbury we weren't given a chance over there, but we snatched a last-minute goal from Paul to reach the Final.

#### WHAT is your own magic moment in football?

**GRAHAM:** It was the night at Wembley in May 1982 when England manager Ron Greenwood told me I was in the World Cup squad.

I wasn't considered for Spain until I came on as substitute in the second-half of the 2-0 friendly win over Holland.

I had a good 45 minutes and, as I walked off at the end, Mr Greenwood came across to me and said: "You know what you've just done, son. You've booked yourself a place for Spain."

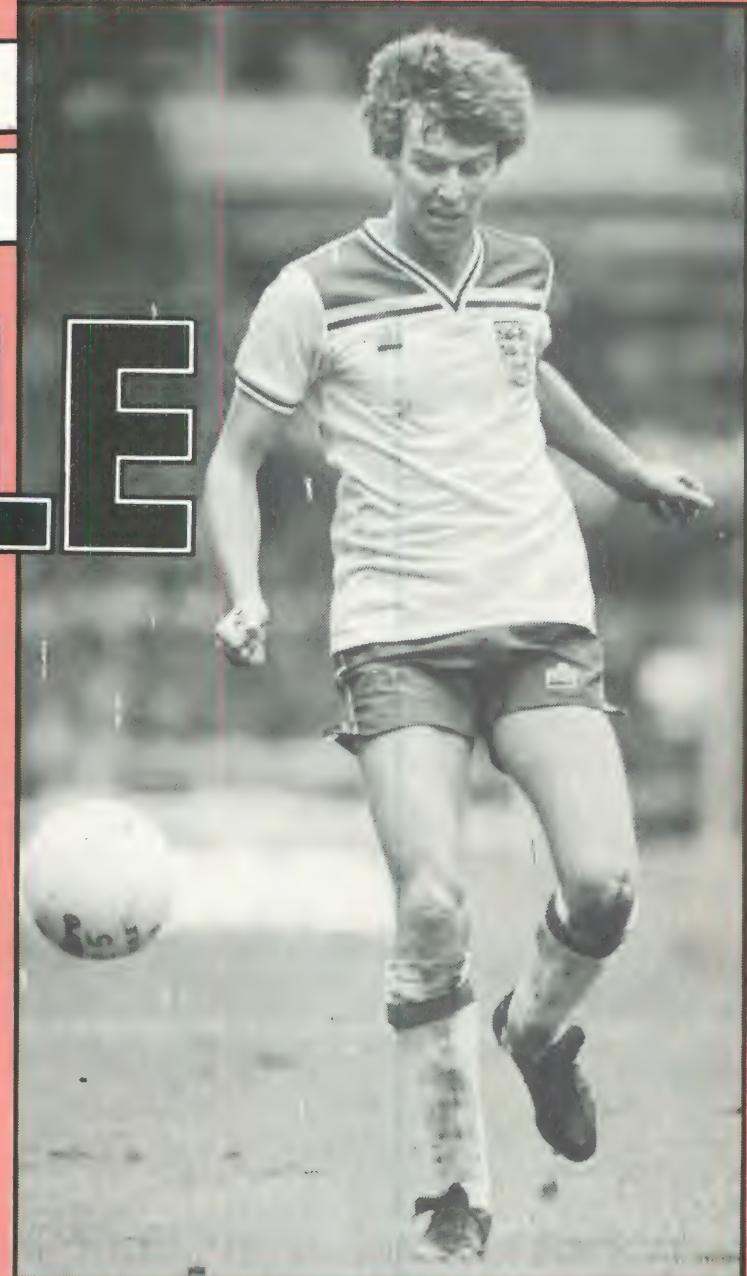
I couldn't believe it. It took time to sink in.

I thought I would only be going over to Spain for the ride, but in fact played in every game.

#### WHAT is your biggest disappointment?

**GRAHAM:** I still have nightmares over that missed penalty which cost Arsenal the Cup Winners' Cup against Valencia in 1980.

We had drawn 4-4 in the penalty shoot-out and were in a sudden death situation when I



Graham Rix in the England colours that he didn't expect to wear in the 1982 World Cup Finals. "Being told he had won a place in Spain" was the highlight of his career.

had my penalty saved.

If there was one moment in my life that I could change then it would be that. I would go up and blast the ball instead of trying to place it.

But the moment that slaughtered me most was when I was left out of Arsenal's FA Cup final side against Ipswich two years earlier.

I played something like 37 League games that season but missed four matches through injury as the Cup reached its climax.

Alan Hudson took over from me in midfield and did quite well, and as I was getting fit, Alan Sunderland was injured and so I came back in for him.

I scored in the Semi-Final win over Orient but two days before the Final I was dropped from the team because Alan Sunderland was fit.

Terry Neill called both myself and Alan into his office on the Thursday and told us he had gone for Alan's experience. It

was a shattering experience for a 19-year-old.

When I came out of the office Liam Brady was sitting in the dressing room and he put up his thumbs. When I gave the thumbs down sign you could see his face drop.

I thought my chance of appearing in a Cup Final had gone and I cried all the way home.

But, as things turned out, I was to play in the next two Cup Finals and pick up a winners medal.

#### WHAT other sports do you enjoy?

**GRAHAM:** I really enjoy golf and I often play with Arsenal team-mate Kenny Sansom. I'm playing off a 24-handicap, but some of my opponents reckon I should be down to 18. I also like tennis and snooker, but I'm not too hot at them either.

#### WHAT are your general 'likes' in life?

**GRAHAM:** I enjoy going out with my wife Gill and daughter Jenny, especially to the swimming pool.

I also enjoy driving but only when the roads are clear and I do a little reading, mainly when on club tours.

I read mainly sporting autobiographies because I like to see what makes the top stars tick.

**WHAT are your television tastes?**

**GRAHAM:** Like most footballers I watch most sports programmes, but I also enjoy all the news items because I don't bother about buying a daily newspaper.

**WHAT is your professional ambition?**

**GRAHAM:** I want to be in the England team as a regular.

I want to be part of the set-up like Peter Shilton, Bryan Robson and Kenny Sansom.

It's my aim to produce such consistently high performances that England manager Bobby Robson will have no option but to play me.

And I want to be winning things again with Arsenal, especially the League Championship. That's got to be the ambition of every footballer.

**WHAT about your long term future?**

# STAR PROFILE

## GRAHAM RIX

**GRAHAM:** I don't think I could handle all the pressures and hassles that face modern day managers from directors on one side and players on the other.

But if it was simply a question of getting players fit, getting them playing to a set pattern and motivating them on a Saturday afternoon, then I think I could manage that.

But I have made no set plans for the future.

**WHO has been the biggest influence on your career?**

**GRAHAM:** You learn something every week in this game. My wife Gill gives me a lot of encouragement and that helps me mentally just as my parents did when I was a youngster.

Experienced players like Bob McNab, Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson always took time out to provide words of encouragement

and advice when I first came into the Arsenal side.

I appreciated their help and that's why I try to assist the younger players in the club because I count on myself as being an experienced player.

I can remember an occasion when even one of the office girls brought me down to earth. I went to the secretary's office wanting to see the manager about a contract and she politely reminded me that she could remember that all I ever wanted at Arsenal was a place in the first team. That sort of reminder pulls you up sharp.

**IF you had a son would you encourage him to follow in your footsteps?**

**GRAHAM:** If I had son I would encourage him but never force him to do anything.

Football offers a tremendous life but not everyone wants to live with the day to day involvement and pressures.

My brother Ian was a good player but just didn't want to play football seven days a week.

Apart from having the ability, you must have the will to do something, and so it would not serve any purpose in forcing someone against their will.

I was on holiday with team-mate Tony Woodcock last summer and his little boy Jack was always kicking a football, so there could be another England player of the future.



*Above: The moment that still gives Graham nightmares. Valencia goalkeeper Pereira saves his spot kick in the penalty shoot-out and Arsenal lose the Cup Winners' Cup.*

*Right: Graham walks away from the penalty spot having cost Arsenal the Cup Winners' Cup against Valencia.*



# 'THE WORST DECISION OF MY LIFE'

*by Tommy Langley*

AS he continues a new challenge in the sun with Greek club AEK Athens, former Crystal Palace striker Tommy Langley still regrets the day he quit Chelsea.

His split with the fashionable London club he had supported all his life came at the end of the 1979-80 season when Chelsea just missed promotion back to the First Division.

He remained in his home city, first with Queen's Park Rangers and then Crystal Palace, but never found the scoring touch that had earned him rave notices at Stamford Bridge.

In successive seasons, he was Chelsea's top scorer in the First Division, but his search for stardom elsewhere only left him with a series of disappointments.

## Reign

His reign at Loftus Road lasted only a few months, but even so he was Rangers' joint top scorer with eight goals in 25 appearances.

And at Palace, he managed only nine League goals in more than fifty outings which left him at the end of last season having to accept a forty per cent cut in his wages with only reserve team football the immediate prospect.

That was until Greek Cup winners AEK Athens stepped in with the offer of a two-year contract, but while grabbing

*Tommy Langley — 'Leaving Chelsea was the worst decision of my life'*

the chance with both hands, he still reflects sadly on that Chelsea split in what he now describes as "the worst decision of my life."

"It was at the time when freedom of contract was introduced, and I felt I needed a change of clubs in my search for First Division football," he recalls.

"I could have gone to Birmingham, but I wanted to stay around London so that restricted my movements."

"I suppose I was very immature at the time thinking that it was greener on the other side of the fence but, as it turned out, it was the worst decision of my life."

"It was a wrench leaving Chelsea. I had supported them as a youngster and I just couldn't show the same kind of affection for the other clubs."

"Just before I left for Greece, I was talking to my old Chelsea striking partner Clive Walker about my days at Stamford Bridge, and I told him they were the best days of my career."

"But it's easy looking at the situation in hindsight. At the time, I was young and ambitious and thought I had made the right decision."

"Then again, if I had stayed at Chelsea, this tremendous offer from Greece might not have come up."

But Tommy, who moved to Palace just before the transfer deadline in 1981 in a £200,000 deal that took Tony Sealy to QPR, left Selhurst Park on the best of terms with manager Alan Mullery.

"It wasn't anybody's fault but mine that I didn't produce consistent performances. I can only blame myself for failing to achieve a regular place last season," he says.

"Although things didn't go right for me on the field, I was happy at Palace and enjoyed working with Alan Mullery."

"But towards the end of last season I couldn't see much future for me. I played well for a few games, but after Ian Edwards had recovered from injury, I was pushed out on the wing."

"Alan told me I was playing too well to be dropped, but wanted me to play wide."

"It made me think then that if I couldn't retain my striking place in the side when I'm playing well, then there wasn't much of a future for me."

"And that was further

underlined when two new forwards in Andy McCulloch and Stan Cummins were signed in the close season."

Before AEK stepped in, Tommy had faced a bleak time, both financially and playing-wise.

"I signed a new one-year contract and took a forty per cent wage cut rather than join hundreds of other footballers looking for a club."

"But it would have been a struggle for me to bring up my family. We could have paid the mortgage and that would have been about it."

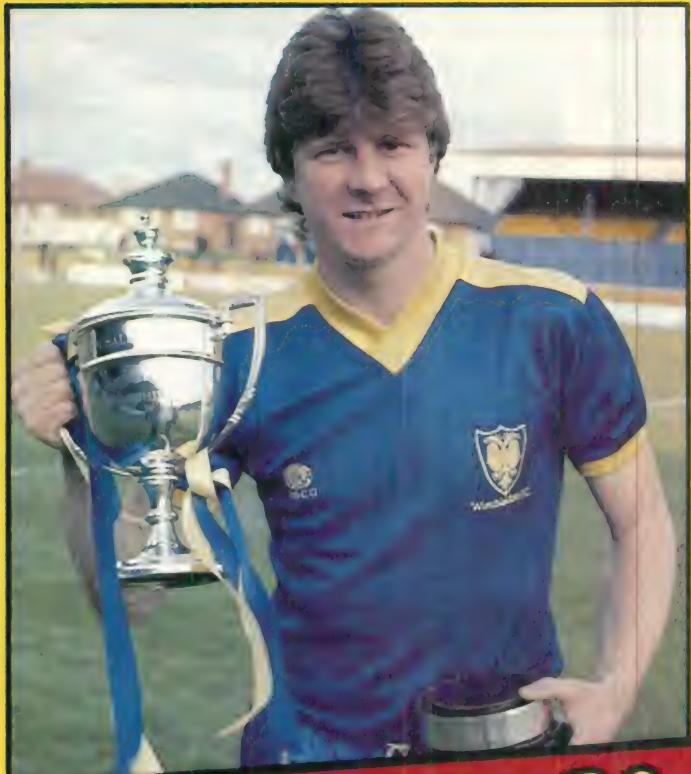
## Challenge

"So I naturally jumped at the chance of a new challenge in Greece where a two-year contract with a year's option has given me some security."

"And I don't think I've taken a step back. I think I have boosted my career because I'm playing for one of the top clubs in Greece, and their national side drew at Wembley last season."

"I still think I'm good enough for the First Division, and now I've got a big European stage to show what I can do."





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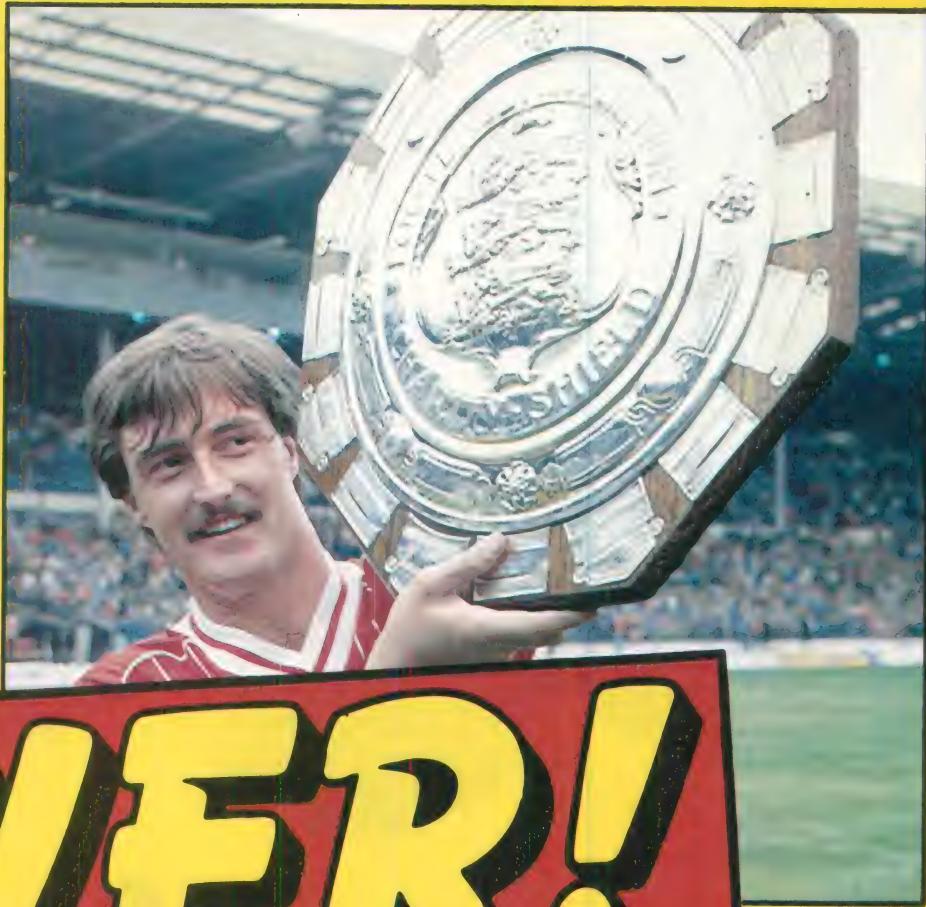


# SALUTE TO THE TROPHY WINNERS

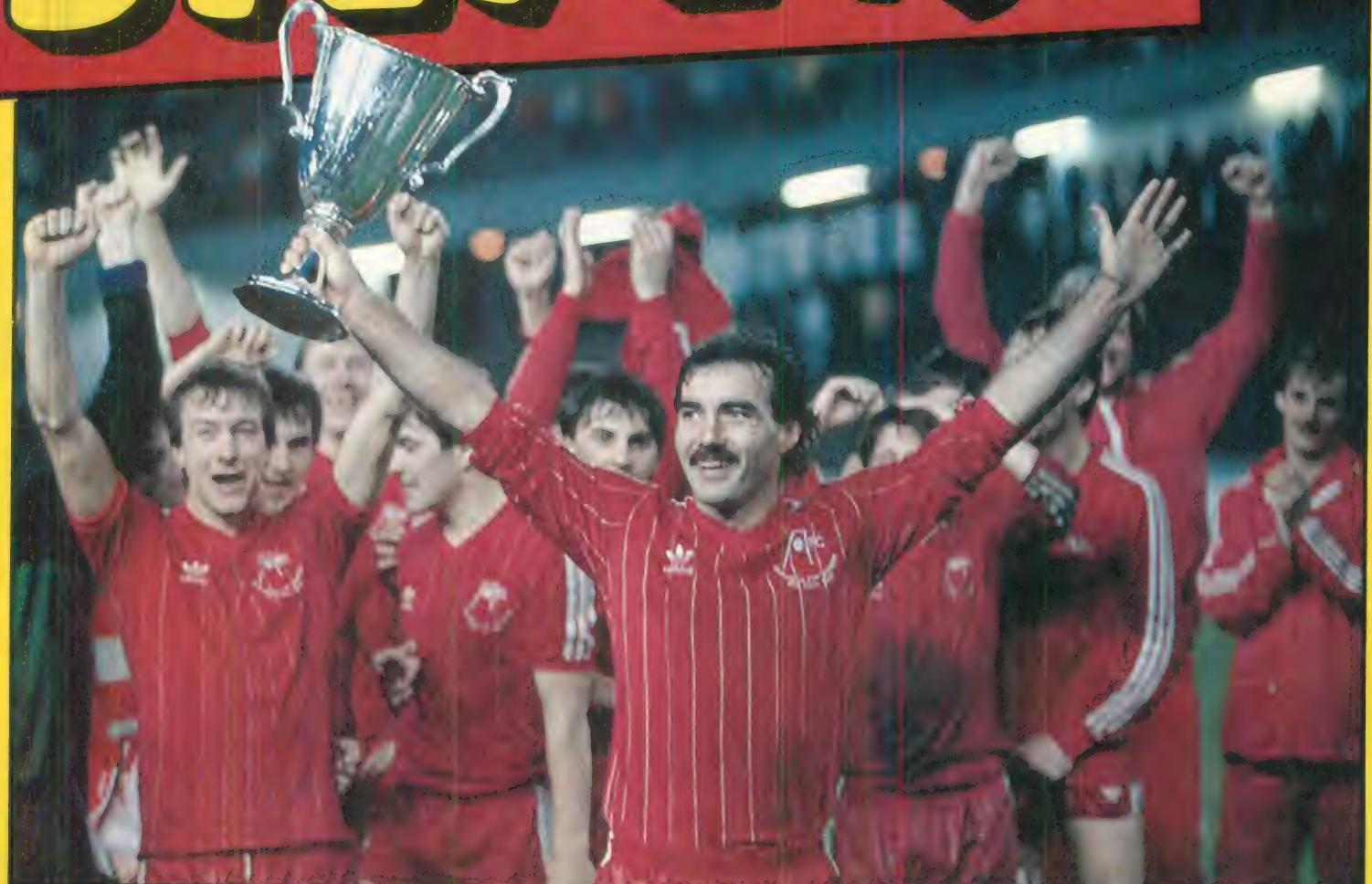
Far left: Manchester United's Arnold Muhren (right) tries on the FA Cup for size as he clownses with his skipper Bryan Robson following their 4-0 replay win over Brighton.

Left: Wimbledon, the yo-yo side of the Football League, are back in the Third... and in style. Here skipper Gary Peters proudly shows off the Fourth Division trophy. Below left: This one's for you Bob! The Liverpool players take a backseat as manager Bob Paisley shows the fans the League Championship in his last season in charge at Anfield.

Right: Liverpool started the season as they finished it — with a trophy. New boy David Hodgson is pictured after their Charity Shield victory over Spurs at Wembley. Kings of Europe! Willie Miller and his Aberdeen team-mates celebrate their Cup Winners' Cup victory over Spanish giants Real Madrid.



# SILVER!



**LAUGH** with  
Manchester  
United  
goalkeeper Gary  
Bailey, who  
selected these  
jokes for our  
'Match Special'.



"Let's face it, your fan mail is down to one letter a month... and you still owe me for the stamp!"

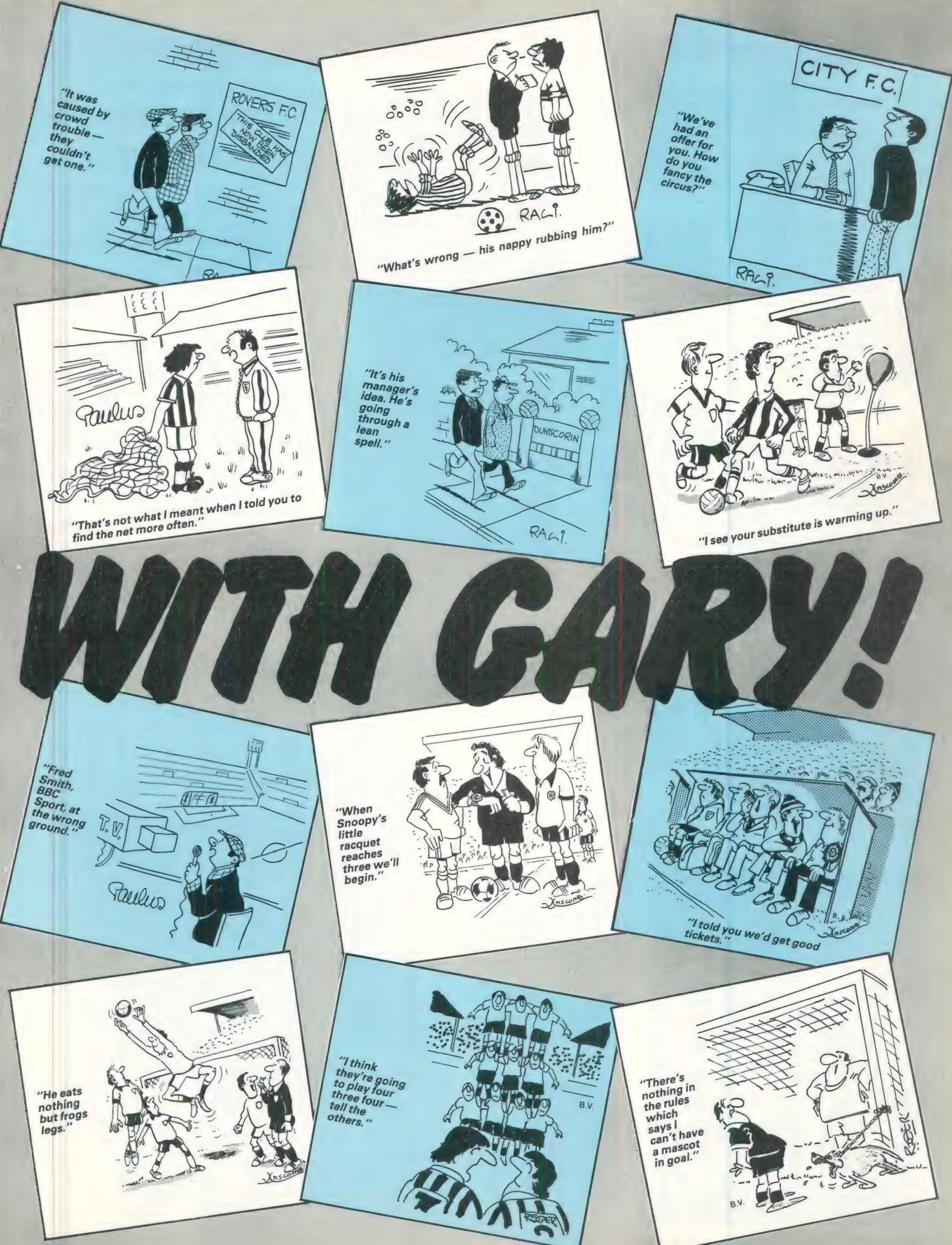


"You're goal-shy. Pretend it's your Dad's green-house."

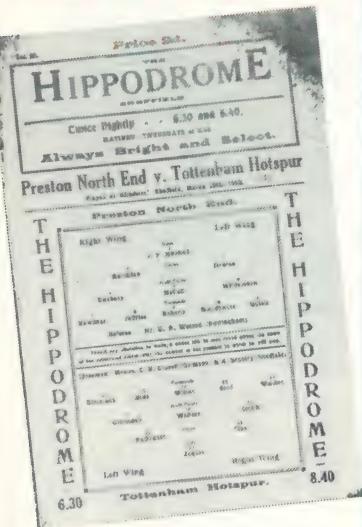


"I'm so excited about reaching the Final I almost forgot my gloves."





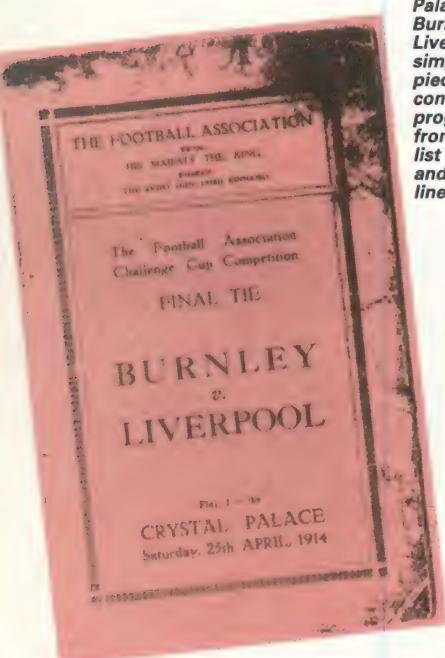
# A treasure chest of football programmes



**Left:** Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough ground was the venue for the 1922 FA Cup Semi-Final when Preston put out the Cup holders, Tottenham. It cost twopence and had the team line-ups on the front.

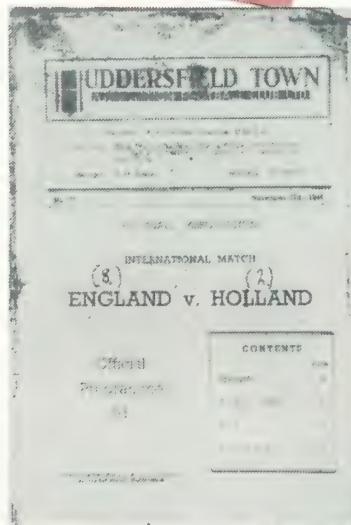


**Right:** The 1922 FA Cup Final was the last one held at Stamford Bridge. It featured Huddersfield and Preston with the former winning 1-0. The price was threepence, half the previous year's cost.



**Left:** The programme for the 1914 FA Cup Final at Crystal Palace, in which Burnley defeated Liverpool 1-0, was simply a large folded piece of cardboard. It contained the programme of music from both bands, a list of Cup winners and the team line-ups.

**Right:** The rarest of all post-war England home programmes was the 1946 international against Holland played at Huddersfield. Only 30,000 watched a match in which England romped to an 8-2 victory with Tommy Lawton scoring four of them.



**Right:** The first FA Cup Final played at Wembley Stadium in 1923 is probably the most sought after programme. It had 28 pages featuring the smallest ever Cup Final cover. Six pages were given over to the new arena, built on the site of 'Watkins Folly'. This was to have been a monument to rival Paris' Eiffel Tower, but the foundations shifted and so they created a football stadium instead. For the record, Bolton beat West Ham 2-0.

**Left:** The programme for the 1924 Final was priced at one shilling (5p in today's money) compared with the 1923 price of threepence. Newcastle defeated Aston Villa 2-0, though the cartoon cover depicted players in the colours of Sunderland and Villa.

**WELCOME** to our Aladdin's cave of programme gems.

Here we feature a dazzling dozen of rare and valuable programmes worth in the region of £1,000.

They are to serious programme collectors what FA Cup and international honours mean to the players.

They would figure as the centrepiece in any programme collection, and each one could fetch more than £100 on the market.

Remembering that the cover prices, translated into today's money, would total no more than 20p... then that's a fair investment by any standards.

The featured programmes include nine FA Cup Finals, including the first one played at Wembley in 1923 and which is regarded as the 'Penny Black' among the programme collecting fraternity.

There's also a Semi-Final at Hillsborough in 1922 and Manchester United's first game at Old Trafford in 1910 against Liverpool.

The final one features the rarest post-war England home programme, the 1946 8-2 thrashing of Holland at Huddersfield when the legendary Tommy Lawton scored four goals.

Programme prices depend on supply and demand and how desperate a collector is to obtain a prized item for his display.

But if you have these twelve programmes in your collection then you'll be the envy of a lot of serious collectors in this country.

We hope you've got them insured.



# DAZZLING



*Left: The 1926 Final programme had 24 pages for sixpence. The cover had a gold background with the players appearing to be in the car park with the twin towers in the distance. A new motor car was advertised for £395 and one of the linesmen was a certain Stanley Rous, recently President of FIFA. Bolton won the Cup for the second time in four years, beating Manchester City 1-0.*

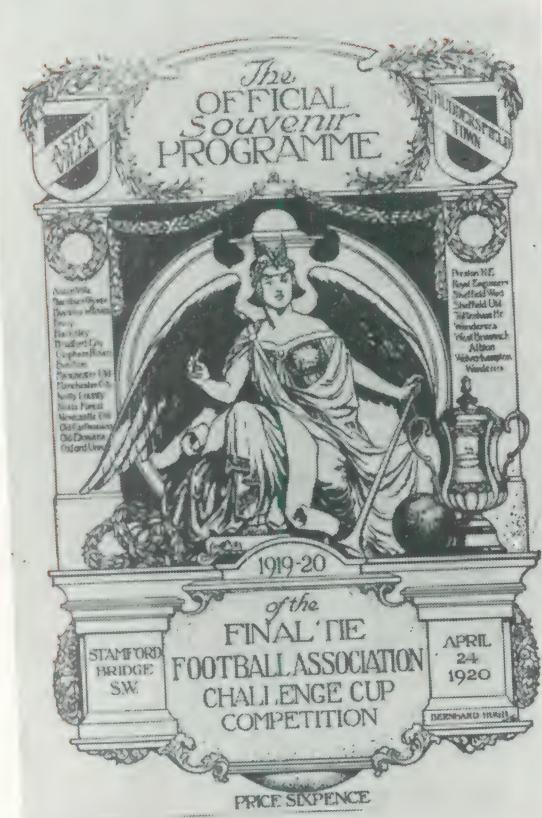


*Right: The Manchester United v Liverpool match in 1910 celebrated the opening of United's Old Trafford ground. The programme contained eight pages, was printed on thick green paper and cost one penny. Liverpool rather spoilt the party by winning 4-3.*

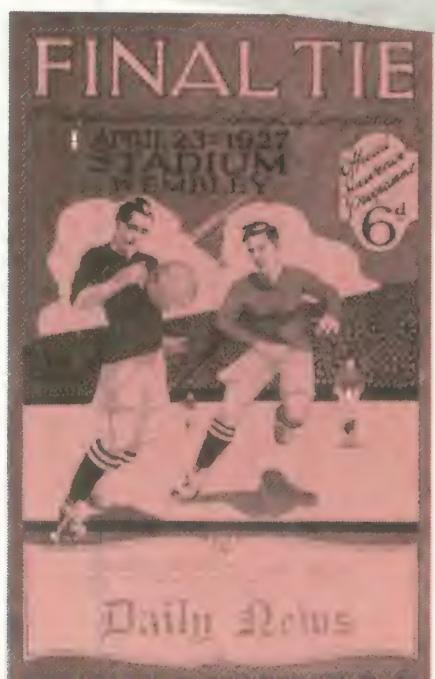
*Below: The price of the 1921 Final at Stamford Bridge was sixpence and the front cover, with the Victory figure prominent, was similar to the 1920 and 1922 ones. Tottenham won the Cup that year, beating Wolves 1-0.*



*Right: The programme for the 1925 Final was reduced to sixpence from the previous year's one shilling. The front cover was a dark brown photograph of Wembley's twin towers on a pale brown backcloth. It was the fiftieth (Jubilee) Cup Final, but only had twenty pages. Sheffield United lifted the trophy, defeating Cardiff.*



*Left: The 1920 Cup Final programme cost sixpence (2½p in today's money) and that was rather expensive considering that most League club programmes were selling for around twopence. Aston Villa won the Stamford Bridge Final, beating Huddersfield 1-0 in extra time.*



*Right: The 1927 Final saw Cardiff take the Cup out of England for what has proved to be the only time. They defeated Arsenal 1-0 and the programme was similar in size to the previous year's. The players illustrated on the front bore the colours of the finalist and no less than ten of the 24 pages were full of advertisements.*

**THE** Aberdeen and Scotland midfielder takes a look back at a memorable season for the team from the 'Granite City' and relives their thrilling victory over Real Madrid in the European Cup Winners' Cup.

WHAT a night . . . winning the European Cup Winners' Cup was the greatest moment of my life.

On a drizzly evening in Gothenberg back in May, we put Aberdeen firmly on the soccer map when we beat Real Madrid 2-1 after extra-time.

The Cup Winners' Cup was the trophy I wanted to win more than anything last season and I savoured every moment of our success.

It was a marvellous performance and represented the greatest ever achievement by an Aberdeen side.

And we won it in style. No-one can deny that we deserved the victory and I feel that we could have beaten the Spanish legends by a bigger margin than we did.

# A NIGHT

## by GORDON STRACHAN

We got off to a dream start when young Eric Black put us ahead after just six minutes . . . but we held that lead for just eight minutes.

We gave away a silly goal when centre-back Alex McLeish made the fatal mistake of trying to pass back to the 'keeper on a rain-sodden pitch.

The ball failed to reach Jim Leighton, who pulled down a Real forward in a vain attempt

to retrieve the situation and they scored from the subsequent penalty kick.

After that, we had an attack of nerves and for 20 minutes they put us under quite a bit of pressure. But in the second half we came back into the game and had them in trouble on several occasions.

The chances came thick and

fast for us and I had two good opportunities to score. The best was minutes before the end when I hit a shot high and wide.

That would probably have clinched the game for us, but instead the scores remained level and we went into extra-time.

Even at that stage I was confident we would break them down. All we needed to do was keep plugging away.

Minutes before the end of normal time, Eric Black had limped off the field and was replaced by John Hewitt — a player with a habit of scoring vital goals for us.

He hit the winner against Bayern Munich in the Quarter-Finals and repeated his trick with a splendid headed goal from a superb Mark McGhee cross.

What a great moment that was. The atmosphere in the little Gothenberg stadium was electric and our army of fans who had made the long trip were going absolutely wild.

Needless to say we were overjoyed, but it was important that we didn't get carried away and let things slip in the remaining nine minutes.

The final moments seemed to



Above: Eric Black puts Aberdeen a goal up against Spanish legends Real Madrid in the Cup Winners' Cup Final.



Right: A jubilant Aberdeen side celebrate their dramatic victory over Real Madrid. A goal by substitute John Hewitt in extra-time ensured the coveted trophy was heading back to Scotland.



# TO SAVOUR!



*Left: Gordon in action for Aberdeen.*

*Below: Alex McLeish — it was his fatal mistake which led to Real Madrid's equalising goal in the Cup Winners' Cup Final.*



fly by, probably because we were attacking them all the time. We proved ourselves to be much fitter than Real and towards the end they didn't seem to have anything left to offer.

We never really looked in danger of relinquishing our lead. Eventually the final whistle went and it was a marvellous feeling knowing the coveted trophy was ours. It was like a dream come true.

Unlike some of the players I didn't jump around and do silly things I just stood there for a few moments and drank in the occasion and the atmosphere.

Then the celebrations began. And when we arrived back home, the city of Aberdeen gave us a sensational welcome.

There were incredible scenes as our open-top bus inched its way through the crowds of people, who occupied every possible vantage point to see us.

The short journey from the airport to Pittodrie took two

hours and, when we finally arrived at the ground, it was packed to the rafters. I didn't realise so many people lived in Aberdeen.

After the euphoria had died down we had to prepare ourselves for another battle. After climbing a mountain to win the European Cup Winners' Cup, we had to reach yet another peak ten days later.

We faced Rangers in the final of the Scottish FA Cup and we were desperate to produce a repeat of our success in Europe.

But it was difficult to lift ourselves for that game having reached a peak in Gothenberg. The players were physically and mentally drained and we lacked our usual enthusiasm.

And it showed in our performance in front of a packed Hampden Park crowd. Rangers were the better side and can count themselves unlucky to have lost by the odd goal.

The winning goal came in the dying minutes of a scrappy match and once again it was Eric Black who did the damage when he got on the end of a cross to head past Rangers' keeper Peter McCloy.

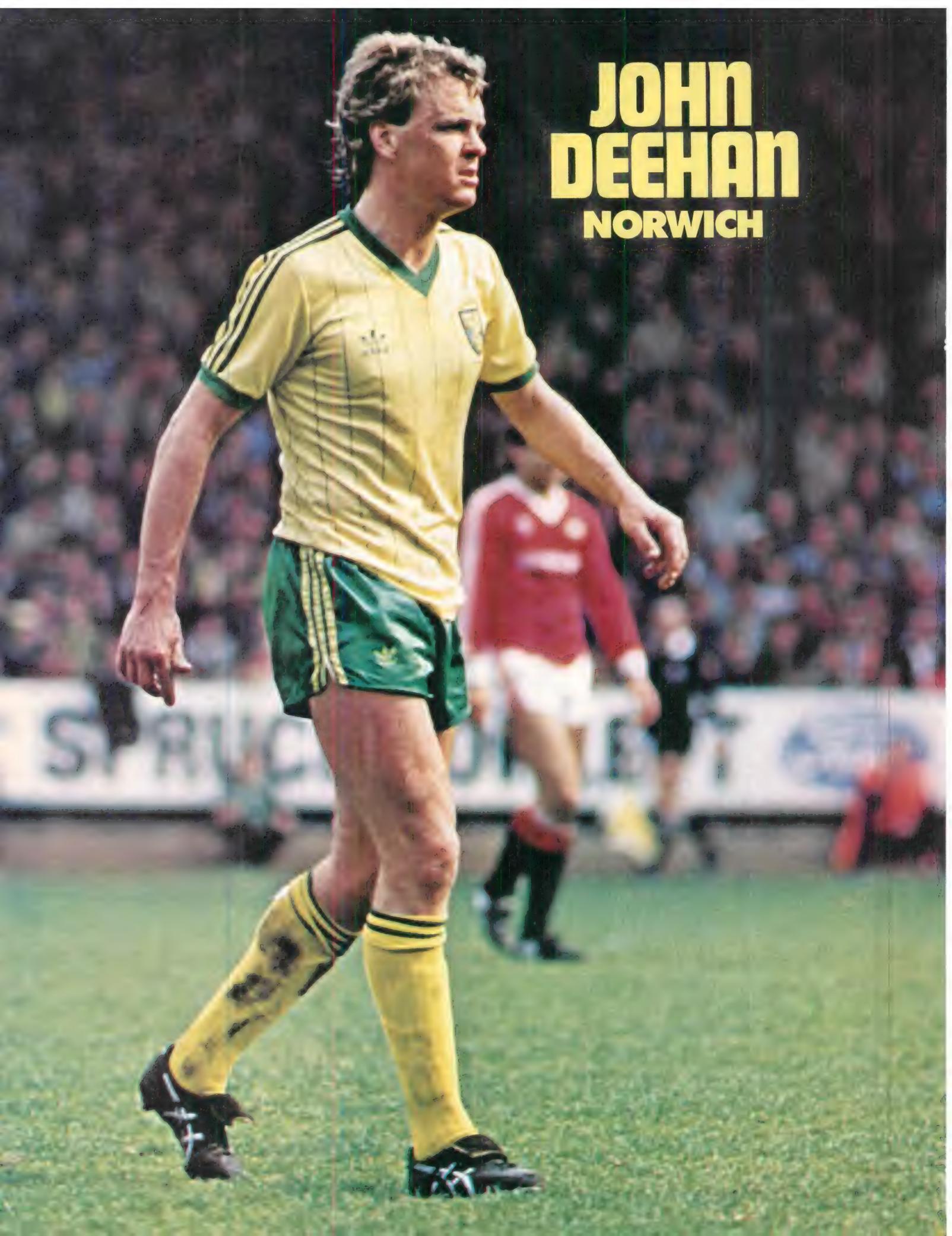
Even though we had won the Scottish Cup for the second year running, we were very disappointed with the way we played. It was something of an anti-climax after our performance in Europe.

We wanted to turn on a super show for our fans, but failed to live up to their expectations. And our manager Alex Ferguson really tore into us after the game.

We felt his comments were a little harsh . . . after all said and done, we had won the cup. He can sometimes go over the top with his comments, but he was man enough to apologise to the players for his outburst the following day.

Lifting the Scottish Cup capped a great season for Aberdeen, although we would have loved to have picked up the Premier Division title as well — an honour which went to Dundee United.

Still, two trophies in one season can't be bad . . .



# **JOHN DEEHAN NORWICH**

# HANS VAN BREUKELLEN

## FOREST AND HOLLAND



**match**  
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Graham Roberts: His season started with disaster and ended with two England caps.



# DOUBLE DISASTER

## OWN-GOALS THREATEN GRAHAM'S HOPES

GRAHAM Roberts couldn't have picked a worse game in which to score two own-goals.

Not only was England manager Bobby Robson watching him for the first time, but his disastrous double blast sentenced Spurs to a humiliating 4-1 Milk Cup Quarter-Final home defeat at the hands of Second Division strugglers Burnley.

Admits the burly defender: "That game was a nightmare for me. We looked to be cruising into the last four until my goals. With Bobby Robson in the stands I thought I'd blown my England chances as well."

After two glorious years at White Hart Lane in which he had helped the club lift the FA Cup twice, Graham (25) was tasting the cruel side of football.

He missed more than four months of last season with torn knee ligaments and two broken toes, scored the own goals against Burnley, lost form and was finally dropped by manager Keith Burkinshaw.

But Graham — a bargain buy from non-League Weymouth — showed his mettle by battling back into the Spurs side and topping what began as a miserable season with an England call-up and two caps.

"It was my own fault because I tried to come back from the broken toes too early. I wasn't 100 per cent and it showed in my performances.

"I had a chat with the manager and he told me to play in the reserves until I got my confidence back."

Graham missed a handful of matches and during that frustrating spell he admits: "I did get depressed at times but I was just determined to work twice as hard to get my place back."

When he did reclaim his first team shirt it was the swashbuckling Roberts of old and 'The Cockerel' fortunes began to take a dramatic turn for the better.

It had been a disappointing season by their own high standards — inconsistent in the League and beaten by Everton in the competition they were beginning to call their own — the FA Cup.

"Injuries once again played a big part in our season. We used 27 players and when you think Liverpool won the League with just 15, that's a lot

"If we are to challenge the Champions for their crown we've got to learn to avoid injuries," adds Graham.

Even a place in Europe looked out of the question for the North London giants until they embarked on a breathtaking run which saw them lose just one of their last ten games.

"As we approached the final run-in to the season Keith Burkinshaw told

us in uncertain terms that Europe was his target.

"It was the incentive we needed and kept the season going for us and the fans. In the end we finished just two points away from the runners-up, Watford."

Graham once again established himself as one of the top defenders in the country and his form persuaded the England manager to invite him to be part of the squad for the British Championship games against Northern Ireland and arch-enemies Scotland.

"I was in Trinidad with the rest of the Spurs players when assistant manager Peter Shreeves broke the news to me. I must admit I had a few beers to celebrate."

"I was surprised by the call-up, even though I knew I had been playing well. After all, it seemed too early after my injury problems and loss of form."

Any thoughts that Graham was in the England squad just to make up the numbers were quickly dispelled when he was included in the team to face the Irish.

"I couldn't believe it when Bobby Robson called me over and told me I'd be playing. The news never really sunk in."

Graham's fairy-tale rise from part-timer to international footballer was complete. But he admits doubts over his England career once again began to nag him after his debut against Northern Ireland at Belfast's Windsor Park.

The game never got off the ground and petered out into a stale, frustrating 0-0 draw. He says: "I didn't play very well, although I had the consolation of helping the team keep a clean sheet."

His fears were further compounded when Terry Butcher was partnered by his Ipswich team-mate Russell Osman in a practice game just two days before the vital game against the Scots at Wembley.

"Russell was included in what everyone considered as the probable England side so I thought that once again I'd blown my chances.

"There was also newspaper speculation that the manager was thinking of bringing back Russell. It was very unsettling."

But once again the former Ipswich boss kept faith in Graham. He turned his back on his old Portman Road player and gave the Spurs man the thumbs up.

"Bobby told me that the best time to win your second cap was straight after your first," remembers Graham.

And this time he didn't disappoint. He snubbed out the danger of Scotland's 'superkid' Charlie Nicholas as England notched up a comfortable 2-0 win.

**LOOK OUT Michel Platini**  
— Luther Blissett is  
gunning for your Italian  
goals crown!

Platini, the golden boy of  
the French national side,  
became the top scorer in  
the Italian First Division in  
his first season with  
Juventus.

But Blissett, a Fourth Division  
player not so long back, has  
declared: "I want to become  
the top marksman in Italy."

And following his £1 million  
move from Watford to AC Milan  
in July, he added: "Platini  
scored only 16 goals — I hope  
to better that with Milan."

That's fighting talk from the  
man already dubbed the  
'Bombiere Nero' — the Black  
Bomber — in Italy.

But Blissett, fully aware that  
he has been nicknamed Luther  
'Miss it' by some areas of the  
British Press, has no fears  
about playing in the  
notoriously goal-starved Italian  
League.

"I know it won't be easy to  
score goals over here, but I am  
confident in my ability and I'm  
really enjoying the challenge,"  
said the striker who finished his  
last season in England — his  
first in Division One — as  
leading scorer with 29 League  
and cup goals.

His optimism wasn't shared  
by England's Trevor Francis,  
who finished with seven goals  
from 14 games for Sampdoria  
last season.

## No guarantee

Said Francis: "Not even the  
best strikers in the world can  
guarantee to score goals in  
Italy. Paolo Rossi scored only  
seven League goals for  
Juventus.

"Sampdoria's leading  
marksman last season scored  
eight goals — and he played in  
all 30 League games.

"If Luther scores ten, he'll  
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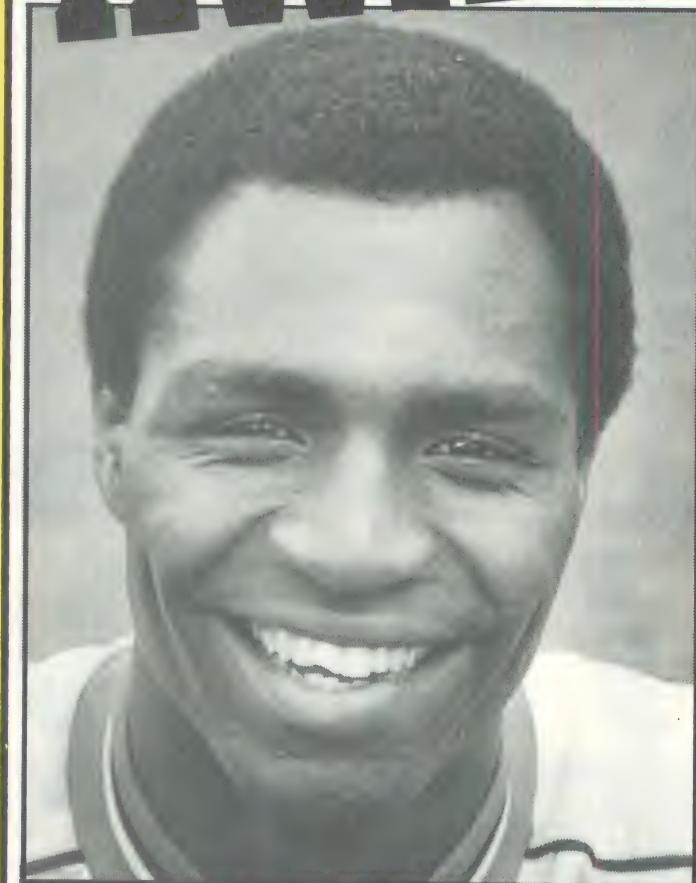
Ironically, the man who has  
had to make way for Blissett in  
the Milan front line is another  
former First Division 'exile', Joe  
Jordan. The former Leeds and  
Manchester United striker  
managed just two goals in his  
first season in Italy, though he  
fared better last season with  
16.

Despite the exciting  
challenge ahead and the  
financial security guaranteed  
by his three-year contract,  
Luther admitted to having  
regrets about leaving Watford  
and revealed that he almost  
decided against the move.

"At one stage I almost called  
the whole deal off because I  
wasn't sure I was doing the  
right thing," he explained.

The England international  
striker told 'Match': "I had been  
at Vicarage Road for nine years  
and had seen the club climb  
from the depths of the Fourth  
Division to the very top, so it

# BOMBS AWAY!



## BLISSETT HAS PLATINI'S CROWN IN HIS SIGHTS

was a big wrench.

"I was very happy there and  
had never considered moving  
away until AC Milan came in  
with an offer which neither the  
club, nor I, could afford to turn  
down.

"I would have been quite  
happy to see out the remaining  
two years of my contract at  
Watford, but it was a great  
opportunity for me and one  
that may never have come  
along again."

No-one was more surprised  
than Luther that AC Milan had  
shown interest in him during  
the close season and he  
admits: "I didn't believe it at

first.

"Watford manager Graham  
Taylor told me about it when I  
came back from the tour of  
Australia with the England  
squad, but I never took it  
seriously.

"He said it was just an inquiry  
from Milan and neither of us  
thought any more of it. But  
then they came back with a  
firm offer. The club accepted  
and it was up to me.

"It was a difficult decision to  
make — the hardest of my life  
— and I had mixed feelings about  
leaving the club where I had  
been since leaving school.

"But in the end I realised it

was a great chance for me and  
that if it would make me a  
better person and a better  
footballer, I should take it."

Luther made almost 250  
League appearances for  
Watford and scored over 100  
League and cup goals since  
making his debut at the age of  
17.

The club was then in the  
Fourth Division and he helped  
them to fight their way to the  
top flight in just four years.

And in their first season in  
Division One, they finished  
second in the League to  
Liverpool. Says Luther: "It was  
a marvellous year for the club,  
and for me personally.

"Not only did we finish  
second in the First Division, but  
I ended up as the top scorer and  
also won my first England caps  
... it was beyond my wildest  
dreams.

"I am proud to have been  
associated with the club and  
the only regret I have about  
leaving is that I never managed  
to collect a major honour with  
them.

"But I hope to return to  
England after a spell in Italy and  
would love to play for Watford  
again, so maybe I could win  
something with them."

Luther's arrival at AC Milan  
meant farewell for Scottish  
international striker Joe  
Jordan, who had been with the  
former Italian giants since  
leaving Manchester United  
over two years ago.

And it looked at one stage as  
though Joe would return to  
England, but he says: "I didn't  
fancy it at the time. I had some  
offers from several English  
clubs — including three in the  
First Division — but I decided to  
stay in Italy. I don't think I will  
regret it."

## In the hunt

Manchester City, Crystal  
Palace, Brighton and Chelsea  
were all in the hunt for Joe, but  
they couldn't match the offer  
from Italian First Division side  
Verona.

"I was offered an excellent  
two-year contract by Verona —  
far better than I would have got  
in England — and my mind was  
made up."

Verona took the First Division  
by storm last season when they  
finished fourth in the table and  
reached the final of the Italian  
Cup.

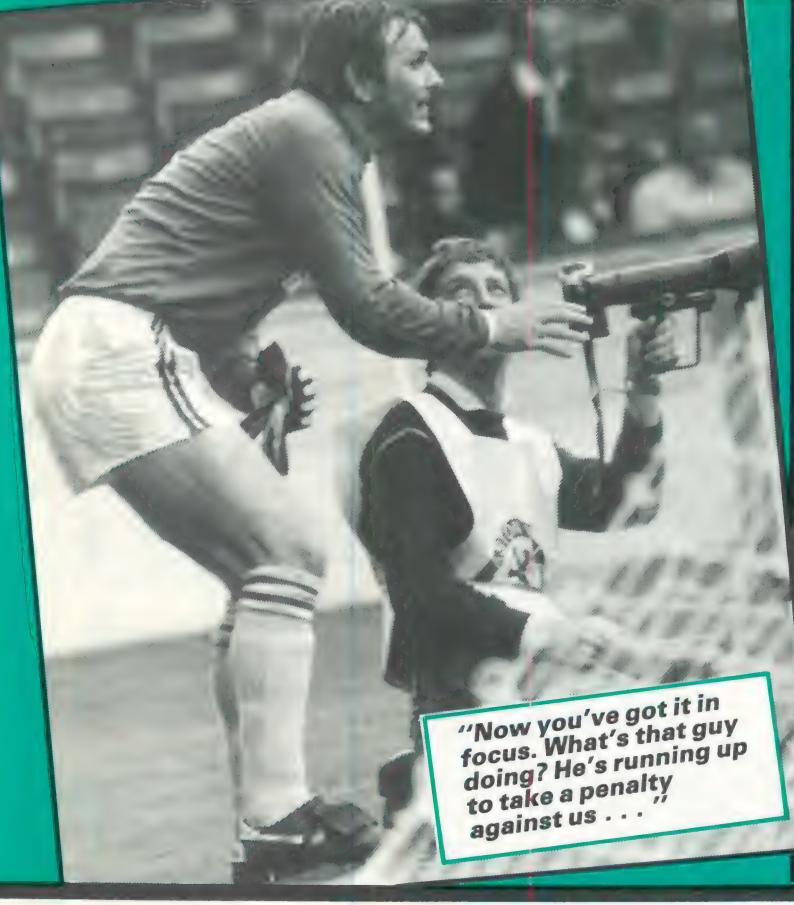
Says Joe: "Their  
achievements ranked alongside  
those of Watford in the First  
Division in England and they  
look to have a bright future.

"My time in Italy has been  
really enjoyable and I hope I can  
continue to produce the form I  
showed for AC Milan last  
season for the remaining years  
of my contract with Verona."

"At the end of that period, I  
will consider coming back to  
England where I feel I will be  
able to do a good job for  
someone."



"Bloody dogs . . . "



"Now you've got it in focus. What's that guy doing? He's running up to take a penalty against us . . . "

**SOME of the things  
soccer stars could  
have said . . . but  
didn't!**

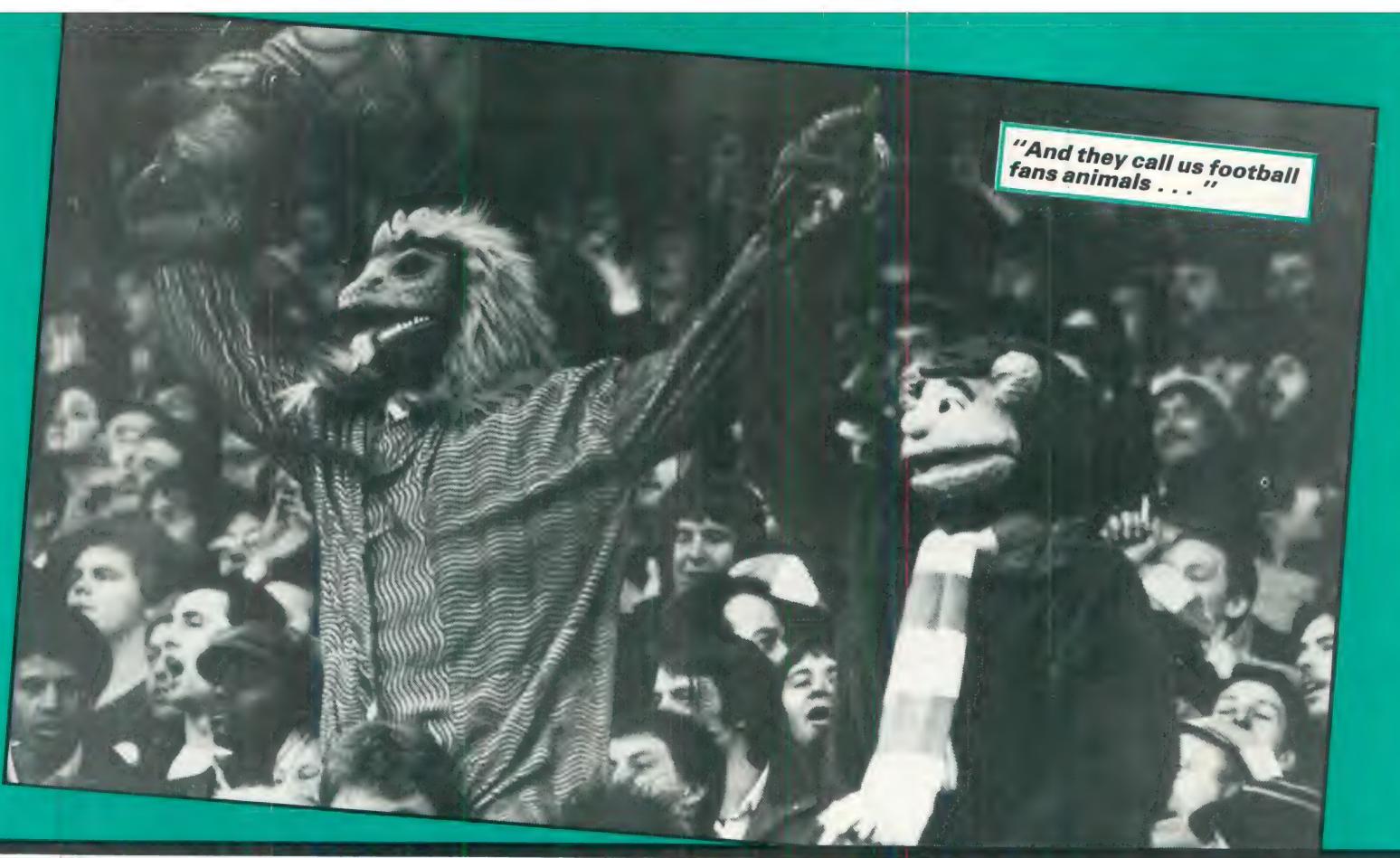
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"Have you heard about Head and Shoulders? Well . . . "

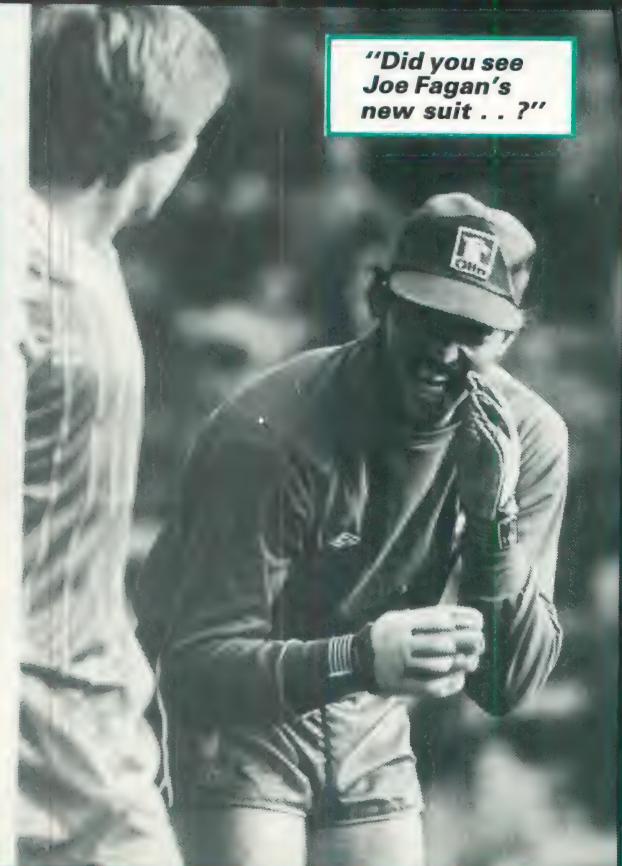


"Seen my new boots, Graham?"

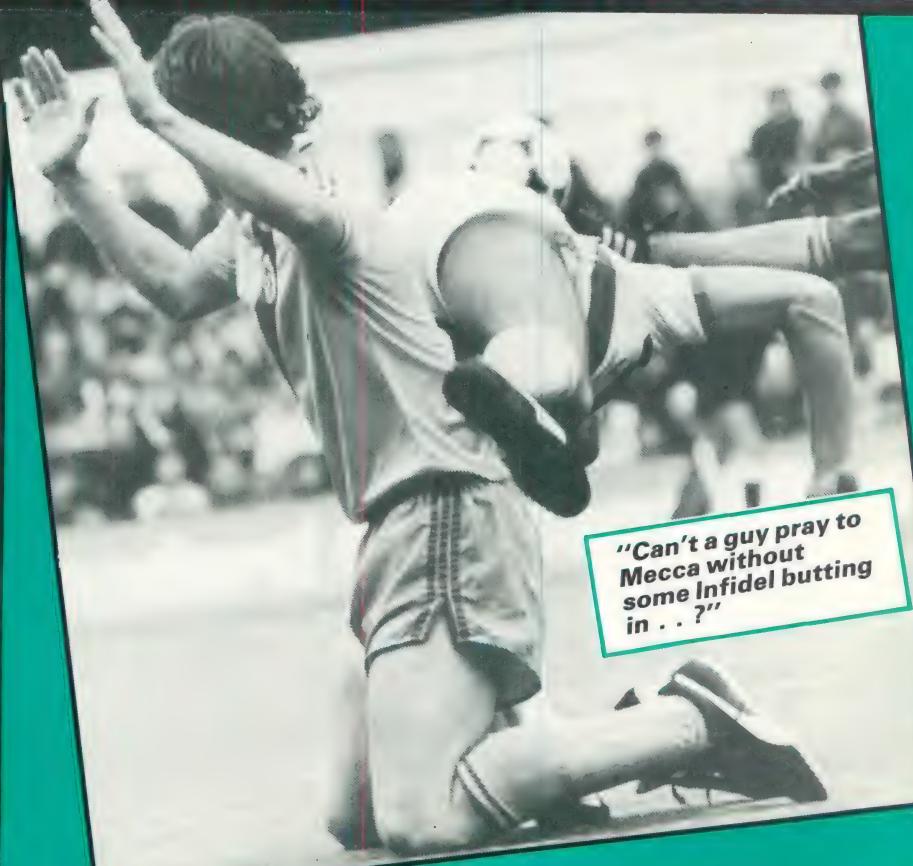


"And they call us football fans animals . . ."

# SAID THAT



"Did you see Joe Fagan's new suit . . . ?"



"Can't a guy pray to Mecca without some Infidel butting in . . . ?"

**FULL NAME:** Melvyn James Eves.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Darlaston/September 10, 1956.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5ft 11ins/11st 8lbs.  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Sharron.  
**CHILDREN:** None.  
**CAR:** MGB Roadster.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** Student.  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** Ankle ligaments nearly five years ago.  
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish — great skill and awareness.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Brazil.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Dutch master Johan Cruyff for his ability to beat opponents.  
**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** England's 1966 World Cup winning side: Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Stiles, Charlton J, Moore,

Ball, Hunt, Hurst, Peters, Charlton R.  
**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Yashin (USSR), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Breitner, Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Krol (Holland), Rivelino (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland), Eusebio (Portugal), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil), Riva (Italy).  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Anfield.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Holland's PSV Eindhoven.  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** Overhead kick against Swindon in 1980 League Cup Semi-Final.  
**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** By Brazil's Socrates against USSR in last year's World Cup Finals.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** 1980 League Cup Final.  
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Winning the above.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing the 1981 FA Cup Semi-Final against Spurs.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Cricket, squash and tennis.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Interesting people.  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Boring people.  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Fawlty Towers and Minder.  
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Most of them!  
**FAVOURITE READING:** Newspapers.  
**FAVOURITE POP STARS:** Duran Duran and Dire Straits.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Fillet steak.  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Milk.  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Lucia.  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Clint Eastwood/Shirley MacLaine.  
**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** Chariots of Fire.  
**BEST FRIEND:** Patrick Reidy.  
**WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Injuries.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** None.  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Poached egg on toast.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** England Schoolboys and England B caps.  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To enjoy everything I undertake.  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To win more club and international honours.  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** Don't know yet.  
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** The Queen.  
**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** Work hard and always listen to good advice.



## SPOTLIGHT ON WOLVES'

# MEL EVES



**LUTON** striker Brian Stein turned down the chance of winning a cabinet full of Welsh caps to achieve an England dream.

As he was banging in the goals for the First Division new boys at the beginning of last season, Wales boss Mike England offered him a chance of international glory.

But the South African-born star turned down the tempting proposition because he nursed a personal ambition to play for England.

He explains: "I have a British passport and that entitles me to play for any of the Home Countries, but I've always considered myself as English and deep in my heart that's who I wanted to play for."

"Obviously if I had opted for Wales I would have stood a better chance of establishing myself in the side. There's no doubt the English set-up is harder to break into."

But it turned out to be the right decision because soon after, he was called up by England boss Bobby Robson, for the game against Wales.

Says Brian: "It came as a complete surprise because I'd just recovered from an ankle injury. When the England squad was picked I had my bags packed ready for a club tour to Majorca."

### Struggling

Brian sat on the substitute's bench with his team-mate Ricky Hill and at one stage looked like making his Wembley debut. He explains: "The manager was thinking about bringing me or Watford's John Barnes on as England were struggling at 1-1.

"But then Phil Neal scored from the penalty spot and we both stayed where we were.

"Although I didn't get a game I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was the first time I had ever been involved with another set of professional players. It gave me a new insight into the game."

Unfortunately Brian didn't get another opportunity to stake his international claim because the day after the England match, he fell foul of the injury jinx which plagued him all last season.

And while he was on the sidelines, he watched uncomfortably as his side slithered dangerously towards the bottom of the First Division.

He says: "We started off last season really brightly and showed the First Division what we could do, but then we hit a nightmare spell around Christmas.

"We were still scoring goals but the trouble was we were conceding far too many.

"In the Second Division, we could afford to play with gay abandon. When we went forward, the whole team pushed up as well.

"To our cost we learned that you can't do that in the top flight. You are up against better players and they were really punishing us on the break."

"In the end, we began to look like a side that was struggling. We had lost our confidence and everything seemed to be going against us."

And finally Luton's First Division survival rested on the last game of the season. It was a battle to the death with giants Manchester City. Luton had to win whereas City just needed a draw to be safe.

Recalls Brian: "I think the fans thought we were going down but the players were in a confident frame of mind."

"Going to Maine Road didn't really worry us because our form away was better than our home performances."

"The manager, David Pleat, was really nervous but that was because he spent the



# 'Why I turned down Wales'

**BY BRIAN STEIN**

whole week keeping the pressure off the players, says the 25-year-old.

And with four minutes to go, it was the City fans who were celebrating as the nail-biting match stood at 0-0.

Then Yugoslav international Raddy Antic scored a spectacular winner which sent City to the Second Division and secured little Luton's future with the big boys.

"The scenes after the game were incredible", says Brian. "The manager, coaches and players were all crying. They were tears of sheer relief."

Luton learned their First Division lessons the hard way last season, but Brian doesn't envisage a repeat performance this term.

"There's no doubt we have the players who are capable of matching most of the teams man-for-man in skill. It's just a question of changing our style a little and becoming more aware of our defensive duties."

Brian, who still has two years of his

contract to run at Kenilworth Road, is eager to establish himself as a regular member of the England squad.

"I was disappointed not to be available for the tour of Australia but specialists advised me that my ankle needed resting during the close season.

### Priorities

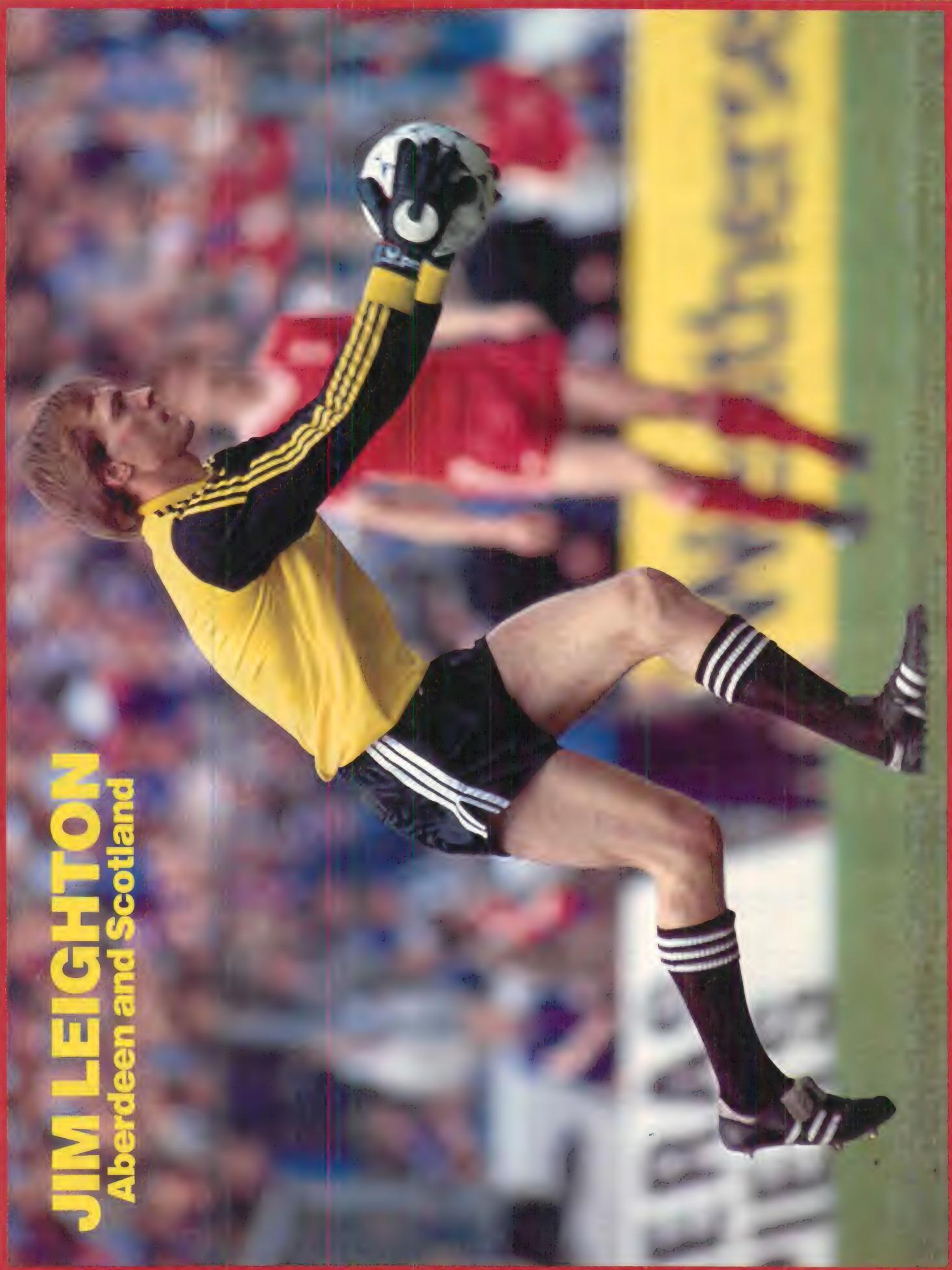
"Still, that sadness was tempered by the selection of my team-mate Paul Walsh for the tour. It was great to see him play and score."

"To play regularly for England and keep Luton in the top flight have to be my priorities. After playing in the top flight, there's nowhere else I want to play," adds Brian.

**PICTURE:** Brian Stein on the attack against Spurs.

# JIM LEIGHTON

Aberdeen and Scotland



**Oh brother! Mark (right) and Neville Chamberlain played together in the same Port Vale side and now they are re-united at First Division Stoke City.**



■ ALL these current managers moved to their clubs in that capacity after previously playing for them: Terry Neill (Arsenal), Howard Kendall (Everton), Malcolm Macdonald (Fulham), Graham Hawkins (Wolves), Terry Venables (QPR), Bobby Gould (Coventry) and John Wile (Peterborough).

■ FOUR players last season — Pat Jennings (Arsenal), Alan Ball (Bristol Rovers), Ron Harris (Brentford) and John Jackson (Hereford) all completed twenty years in League football. John Hollins (Arsenal), Terry Cooper (Bristol City) and George Best (Bournemouth) will emulate them if they turn out this season.

■ AVERAGE gates from last season show that Notts County were the worst supported team in the First Division. Cambridge owned that dubious distinction in Division Two, Orient in the Third and Darlington in the Fourth.

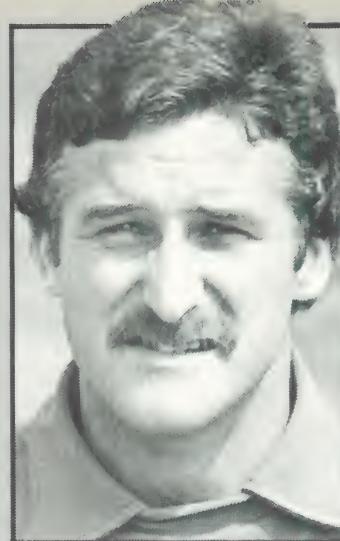
■ WATFORD defender Steve Sims and Portsmouth midfield player Kevin Dillon share a common link — without probably knowing it. They are the joint holders of the record fee of £200,000 paid by Division Three clubs when signed from Leicester and Birmingham respectively.

■ STRIKERS who completed 100 Football League goals last season included Leighton

James (Sunderland), Dave Swindlehurst (West Ham), Ally Brown (C. Palace), Frank Stapleton (Man. United), Roger Wylde (Oldham), Bobby Campbell (Bradford City) and Alan Biley (Portsmouth).

■ FORMER goalkeepers never appear to be in favour as managers. The only current manager of a League club who played in goal is Derby's Peter Taylor who used to play between the posts for Middlesbrough and Coventry.

■ BY finishing ninth in the Second Division last season, Shrewsbury achieved a spot of club history. That was their highest-ever position in the Football League since they were elected in 1950. Their previous best was 13th in 1979-80.



Cambridge goalkeeper Malcolm Webster who established a new League record last season with 13 successive clean sheets in home League matches.

# IT'S A FACT



Watford's Steve Sims, seen in action against QPR's Mike Flanagan, is now the joint holder of the record Third Division transfer fee of £200,000 following Kevin Dillon's move to Portsmouth last season.

■ CAMBRIDGE goalkeeper Malcolm Webster created a League record last season by keeping 13 successive clean sheets in Second Division home matches at the Abbey Stadium. It ended on the last Saturday of the season, when, after receiving a special memento to mark his achievement, he duly let in four goals against Oldham.

■ DUNDEE United celebrated their first-ever Championship success in Scotland last season by establishing a new goalscoring record in the Premier Division. They clocked up 90 League goals at an average of 2.50 per game.

■ THE participants in that great Stanley Matthews Cup Final of 1953 both fell on hard times last season. Bolton were relegated to the Third Division for the first time in ten years, while Blackpool had to seek re-election to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.



Manchester United's Ray Wilkins — the only current League player to be capped as a teenager.

■ RAY Wilkins is now the only current Football League player who was capped by England while still a teenager. He was 19 years and 256 days when he made his debut against Italy in 1976.

■ MANCHESTER United's Norman Whiteside is the youngest player ever to be capped at full international level by one of the Home Countries. He was 41 days past his 17th birthday when he made his debut for Northern Ireland in the World Cup Finals against Yugoslavia last year.

■ WIMBLEDON created a unique record in winning the Fourth Division Championship for the first time last season. It was the third time in four years that the League's second youngest club achieved promotion from Division Four.

# Loyal Lou!

## MACARI'S PLEDGE TO UNITED

**LITTLE** Lou Macari signed a new contract with Manchester United last season and insisted: "I won't play for another English club.

"When I finish with this club, I'll quit playing in the Football League," says the 33-year-old, who spent most of last season warming the substitute's bench and even missed United's moment of glory in the FA Cup.

But the darling of the Old Trafford fans says: "Manchester United are the only club for me. I wouldn't do a job for anyone else — my heart just wouldn't be in it. My legs wouldn't run the same."

"After ten years here, it would be difficult to imagine playing anywhere else," says Lou, who joined the club from Celtic for £200,000 in January 1973.

Lou agreed to stay at the club for at least another year following talks with Ron Atkinson after United's defeat in the Milk Cup Final at Wembley by Liverpool.

"The manager asked me what my plans were when my contract expired in July. He said he wanted to keep me on the payroll so there were no problems agreeing to sign a new deal."

"Most players would have taken the opportunity of a big pay day by negotiating a lucrative contract with another club, but I couldn't do that. No amount of money would have tempted me away from United."

"Anyway, the options weren't that great for me. There is big money to be earned abroad in Hong Kong or the States but I wanted to stay here."

Lou hasn't made any plans for when his contract next expires and explains: "At this stage of my career, I can't look too far ahead."

But the genial former Scottish international hopes to become a manager when he finally decides to hang up his boots. "I want to stay in the game and hope that's where



*Lou Macari — pledged himself to Manchester United.*

*Below: Ashley Grimes — played an important role in United's FA Cup Semi-Final win over Arsenal.*

my future lies," he says.

"I want to keep playing for as long as possible, although I'll be keeping my ears and eyes open looking for an opportunity in that direction."

Lou has always been a favourite of the fans at Old Trafford — he has twice been voted Supporters Club 'Player of the Year' — and he says: "Playing for United has been one big high."

"There's never a dull moment here and that's part of the charisma of the place. It's certainly more interesting than playing for a dull club where nothing ever happens."

"You learn to expect the unexpected and plenty has surprised me in my time here. Tommy Docherty, who signed me, won the FA Cup and then

was sacked...

"Dave Sexton's job looked safe when we finished the 1980-81 season with nine straight wins on the trot, but he also went the same way."

"Manchester United always demand success. It's that attitude which makes them the biggest football club in the country."

Lou surprised many people when he turned his back on Liverpool and chose to sign for United. He admits: "I could have gone to Anfield and picked up a dozen medals."

"But I had this fear that things wouldn't work out there. If I had failed, I could have found myself back in Scotland within six months."

"I remember Emlyn Hughes asking Bill Shankly why he hadn't signed me. The boss retorted that he only wanted me for the reserve side. I thought that was strange."

Lou is happy to stay at United even though he can't even be guaranteed a seat on the bench this season, but he says: "You never know what is around the corner in football."

"Look at Ashley Grimes and Alan Davies. For most of last season, neither of them were in contention and yet Ashley played a major part in the FA Cup Semi-Final win over Arsenal and Alan starred at Wembley against Brighton."

"I enjoyed being involved with the squad last season," says Lou, who came on as substitute for the injured Kevin Moran in the Milk Cup Final last term.

"Being sub does have its drawbacks because it takes a toll on your fitness."



# DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER? DO YOU KNOW



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the ten differences between cartoon A and B.



## MATCH 'EM UP

CAN you match up the grounds with their rightful clubs?

- 1 Bootham Crescent  
2 Dens Park  
3 Spottland  
4 The Den  
5 Filbert Street

- A Rochdale  
B Dundee  
C York  
D Leicester  
E Millwall

## MYSTERY STAR

ANSWER the following questions and then put the first letter of each answer in the appropriate box to discover who is our mystery star.

- They were Third Division Champions last season.
- Famous Merseyside team.
- Twice winners of the FA Cup in the last three years.
- This striker was transferred from Everton to West Brom at the start of last season (surname).
- This Yorkshire side were relegated to the Third Division last season.
- Nickname of a First Division team who play at The Dell.
- Surname of the Birmingham full-back who was signed from Coventry on a free last season.
- Nickname of Lincoln City.
- First Division club who made sure of survival in the top flight on the last day of last season.
- Christian name of Brighton's Connor.
- Ipswich Town defender (surname).
- Fourth Division club beaten in the FA Cup Third Round by Aston Villa last season.

1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12



## SPOT THE STAR

CAN you identify this former 'Gunner' who currently stars in the First Division for an East Anglian club?

## BLANKETY BLANK

FILL in the blanks to make sense of these soccer statements.

1 ..... of First Division ..... scored a goal for England against Hungary in a European Championship Qualifier at ..... last season.

2 Striker ..... started his League career at ..... before becoming Liverpool's leading goalscorer last season.

3 Aberdeen striker Mark McGhee had an unsuccessful spell in England at ..... before making a name for himself north of the border.

4 Second Division Cambridge play at ..... and are managed by .....

5 Northern Ireland international Martin O'Neill was skipper of ..... last season and picked up European Cup winners' medals with .....



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

THESE four players changed clubs last season. Can you identify them and the teams involved?

# YOUR SOCCER? DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER?

England defender Terry Butcher blasts a header past his Scottish counterpart Willie Miller during an Ipswich-Aberdeen clash at Portman Road . . . but where is the ball? Is it under circle A, B, C or D?

## SPOT THE BALL

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### CLUB CALL

CAN you match up the following promoted strikers with their respective clubs?

- 1 Alan Biley
- 2 Bob Newton
- 3 Gary Lineker
- 4 Les Mutrie
- 5 Bob Hatton
- 6 Simon Stainrod

- A QPR
- B Cardiff
- C Portsmouth
- E Port Vale
- F Hull
- G Leicester



## RIDDLE TIME

CAN you identify the following star with the help of the following clues?

'I scored on my debut for my new club on the opening day of last season and was their leading scorer when I left to play across the Atlantic. I was born in Bury and started

my League career with Rochdale. I am the proud owner of an FA Cup winners' medal which I won with a London Club.'

## GOOD FOR A START

CAN you tell where these six stars started their League careers?

- 1 Trevor Francis
- 2 Peter Withe
- 3 Gordon Strachan
- 4 Peter Shilton
- 5 John Hollins
- 6 Mike Thomas



## STOP THE ACTION

WITH the help of this picture can you answer the following questions on a recent FA Cup Final?

- A: Which teams took part and what was the score?
- B: Who are the three players pictured?
- C: One player pictured has since left one of the clubs. Who is he and where does he play now?
- D: The match was also famous because one player became the youngest person ever to appear in an FA Cup Final. Who was he?
- E: Can you remember who each team beat in the Semi-Finals that year?

## NAME THE CLUB

NAME the club with the help of its badge and the following clues.

- 1 They were promoted last season.
- 2 They are one of the youngest clubs in the League.
- 3 Their manager is Dave Bassett.



# WRONG 'UN

## DONNELLY REFORMS

FORMER Dumbarton player John Donnelly was once told: "You could end up on the scrapheap."

But now the one-time bad boy is showing his mettle in a Leeds United side bidding for a return to the top flight.

As he embarked on his first full season at Elland Road, John recalled that the stark warning came from his former manager at Dumbarton, Billy Lamont.

Says the young midfielder: "As a teenager I earned myself a bad reputation and was always in hot water with managers and coaches.

"I had completely the wrong attitude towards the game and could never take things seriously. My discipline was terrible.

"I never listened to advice and wasn't prepared to work at my game. I was very lazy and always in trouble for one reason or another."

But when Billy Lamont took charge at Dumbarton over two years ago John says his attitude began to change.

"He had a big influence on me and helped me get over the problem," recalls John. "He kept telling me I had the ability to make it if I worked harder.

"But he warned me that I would end up on the scrapheap if I carried on as I was.

"Eventually the message got through

to me. I made my mind up to start working at my game and take things more seriously.

"I started to put a lot more effort in and it seems to have paid off . . . I'm a reformed character.

"I was young and inexperienced then but I've learned a lot and now the future looks rosy again. I can never thank Mr Lamont enough."

John began his career in England and spent a year at Notts County before returning to his native Scotland. He says: "I never settled in at County and became very homesick.

"I was only 17 at the time and looking back I realise I was too young and should never have gone to County in the first place."

Following his release by the Nottingham club, who were then in the Second Division, John joined Motherwell and played a full season in the Premier Division.

"It was a great experience and I really enjoyed it," he says. "I felt I played well and was picked for the Scottish youth team at one stage.

"Unfortunately the game against West Germany coincided with a Motherwell League match and the manager, Ally MacLeod, refused to release me.

"I was very annoyed about that and it still ranks as the biggest disappointment of my career. I was never picked for the youth side again."

It wasn't long after that John left Motherwell and he blames his 'couldn't care less' attitude for the club's decision to release him. "I think Ally MacLeod got fed up with me," he says.

"He gave me chance after chance but I kept letting him down . . . my attitude was always the problem."

But John believes his two years under Billy Lamont at Dumbarton helped bury his trouble-torn past and now with Leeds he's hoping to make a fresh start.

John joined the Second Division side towards the end of last season when Leeds manager Eddie Gray snatched him from under the noses of several clubs north and south of the border.

He says: "Leeds had always been my favourite English side as a youngster, so it seemed like an ideal move for me."

John, who played 14 games towards the end of last season, hopes that his move south will boost his chances of gaining international honours.

"As I've discovered in just a short time at Leeds, players tend to get more recognition down here than in the Scottish League," he says.

"I know I've got the ability to play at the highest level and I think playing in England will help me realise my ambition."



John  
Donnelly—a  
reformed  
character.



Billy Lamont—a stark warning.

**ASTON** Villa's Gordon Cowans is aiming his sights on shooting down Liverpool from their pedestal as the country's top team.

During his next three years at Villa Park, the England midfield player wants to see the former European champions established as the number one club.

And he feels that manager Tony Barton has taken a step in the right direction by bringing England Under-21 international Steve McMahon from Everton.

"I have always had a high regard for Steve, and I'm sure his arrival has boosted our chances of getting among the honours this season," says Gordon.

"Apart from being strong and aggressive in midfield, he also has the ability to get forward to create as well as score goals."

"I know we face a tough task to displace Liverpool as the country's best team, but I'm sure we are capable of doing it.

### Dreadful

"We had a dreadful start to last season, yet we still came through to win a place in the UEFA Cup, so I'm sure we are capable of doing much better.

"Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham are bound to be among the front-runners again, and West Brom could be a surprise packet.

"And I feel that we will also be up there challenging for the title.

"The side hasn't changed much from when we won the Championship and the European Cup in successive seasons, so we know what it's all about at the top.

"The addition of Steve McMahon has given us an extra dimension in midfield, while England youth international striker Paul Rideout is a first-class player to have in the wings to cover big Peter Withe. If we get the start we want

you've got to keep on top of your game.

"It's up to me to show manager Bobby Robson that I'm the man for the job."

But Gordon, who has just signed a new three-year contract with Villa, was close to joining England colleagues Trevor Francis and Luther Blissett in Italy.

He had agreed terms with Naples only for internal changes at the club to bring about a change of heart but, despite that setback, Gordon still fancies the idea of playing in Italy.

"I didn't want to leave Villa for another English club and I was happy to sign a new contract providing the terms were right," he says.

"But the offer I received from Naples was unbelievable. Any player in their right mind would have accepted it because it would have made me for life.

"I was certain I was going to make the right move. I chatted with Trevor Francis during England's summer trip to Australia and he was convinced that I would be suited by the Italian style of football.

"And I felt it was a real challenge for me and one that could only boost my international career."

"But while in Australia, I discovered from journalists that the deal had fallen through.

"I rang Naples and found that the man who had set up the deal had been sacked and that they no longer required my services.

"I suppose I was lucky in that a great club like Villa was still prepared to sign me but it was, nevertheless, a big disappointment.

"But I hope I can get another chance when my three-year contract expires at Villa.

"That Naples affair hasn't put me off the idea and I look forward to one day playing over there."

# COCKY COWANS

this season, then I have no doubts that we'll be there or thereabouts at the end of the day."

His other main target during the next three years is to establish himself in the England team having made a successful breakthrough earlier this year.

"I waited a long time for my England chance. I suppose I had fears that probably it had passed me by, so I was determined to do well when my opportunity came against Wales.

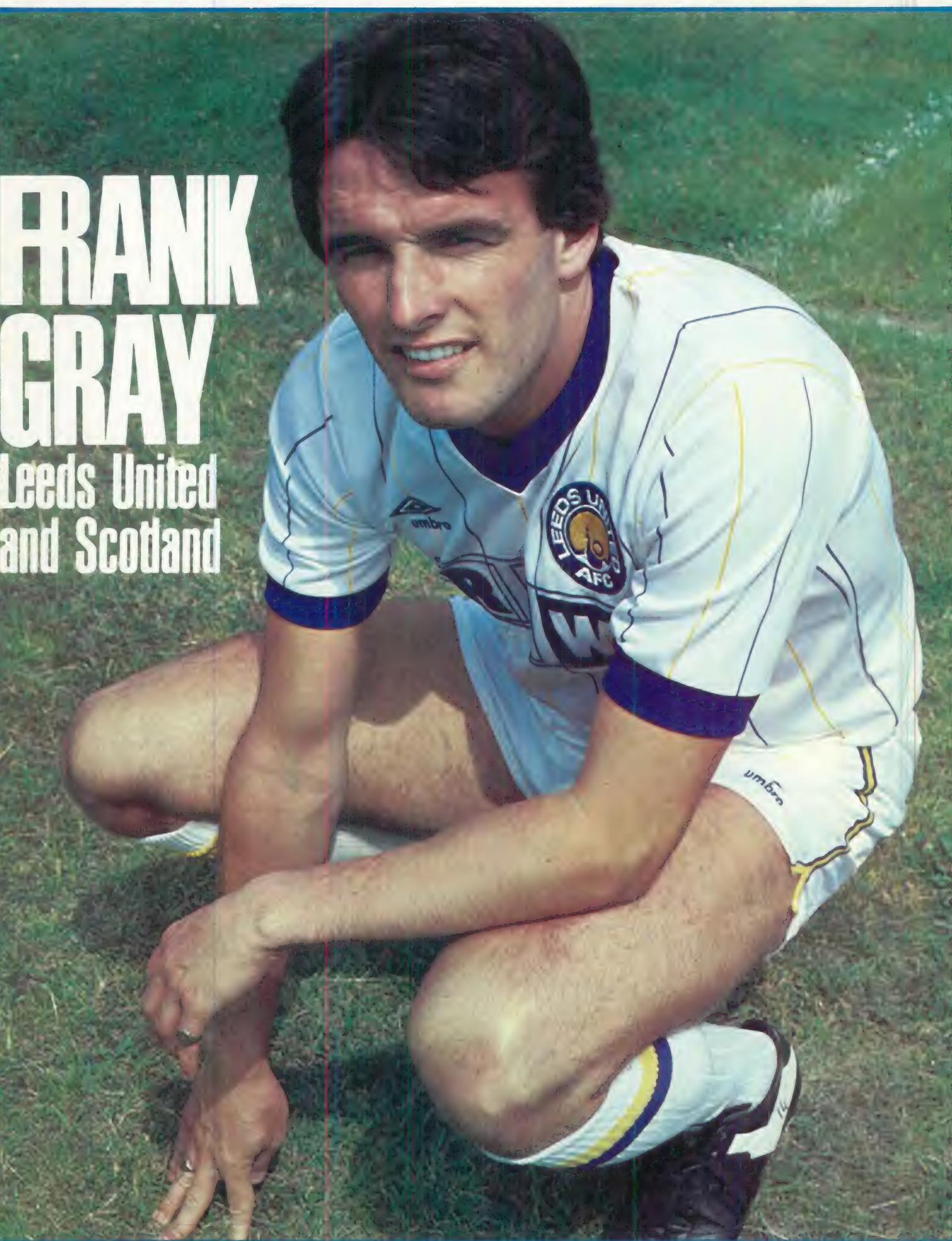
"I think the manager was fairly well pleased with my debut and I managed to keep my place in the squad for the rest of the season.

"But when you have got the likes of Glenn Hoddle, Graham Rix and Alan Devonshire breathing down your neck,

Steve McMahon — boosts Villa's chances of honours this season.

# FRANK GRAY

Leeds United  
and Scotland





# COLIN MORRIS SHEFFIELD UNITED

# STEWART'S SPUR

## 'I HAVE SOMETHING TO PROVE'

IAN STEWART has something to prove! And that's good news for Queen's Park Rangers and Northern Ireland.

The 21-year-old striker was bitterly disappointed at not being included in Billy Bingham's squad for the last World Cup Finals.

And he could hardly bear to watch his country's spectacular success. While Watford's Gerry Armstrong and Manchester United teenager Norman Whiteside were becoming the darlings of world football, Ian was trying to get away from it all in a Maltese holiday retreat.

The regret is still there and the QPR youngster admits: "Every time I pull on an international shirt I feel I have something to prove."

"I know it won't change things but I'm determined to prove I should have been included."

"I had high hopes of being selected after making my international debut against France just before Spain. I was desolate when the squad was announced."

"I was pleased the lads did so well but I couldn't help thinking that I could have been there."

Northern Ireland have already benefited from the player's Spanish omission — for he kept their European Championship hopes alive with two vital winning goals last season.

The most spectacular was against World Cup runners-up West Germany when the Irish pulled off a sensational 1-0 victory at Windsor Park.

Before the game, most of the Irish players — including full-back Jimmy Nicholl — admitted his country needed a miracle to beat the mighty Germans.

That 'miracle' came in the shape of Ian's spectacular effort from outside the penalty area

which beat West German goalkeeper Harald Schumacher all ends up.

But the goal, and the instant fame it brought the Belfast-born youngster, also had its drawbacks.

He admits: "I let it go to my head. It wasn't my fault. It's just that everyone wanted to know me and pat me on the back."

Instead of basking in the glory, Ian just wanted to forget it and he says: "Anyone who says success doesn't go to your head must be kidding. It affected me."

And Ian, who was plucked from the same background as the incomparable George Best, says the goal really put pressure on him as he approached his country's next home game against so-called 'no-hoppers' Albania.

"I was really nervous before that game because I felt everyone was expecting me to repeat the trick."

"The afternoon before the match, the rest of the team went to bed. I just couldn't sleep and wandered around the hotel worrying."

"I didn't solely want to be remembered as the player who scored against West Germany. I thought if I managed another goal it would give people two matches to think about."

Indeed, Ian scored the winner against the Albanians and he says: "That killed off all my worries. Now the German game is a happy memory for me."

Many people expected Northern Ireland to enjoy a goal spree but it was Ian's solitary goal which separated the two teams.

He explains: "It's very difficult to run through 11 bodies. The Albanian game was a very physical affair. In their first tackle, their number two kicked me and I realised how hard it was going to be."

Despite all the recognition at



Northern Ireland striker Ian Stewart — making up for the disappointment of missing out on a place in the World Cup Finals. Below: Sammy McIlroy — helping Ian curb his temper.

international level, Ian missed out on QPR's glorious march back to the First Division and ended the season on loan to Third Division Millwall.

He says: "I was dropped after the disastrous 4-0 defeat by Chelsea and couldn't get my place back. I can't complain about that because the team went on to take the title."

"A lot of people would have asked for a transfer but that's not my style. I want to stay with Rangers — I don't consider my place there in jeopardy."

His views are echoed by QPR assistant manager Allan Harris who says: "The only reason we allowed Ian to go to 'The Den' was to get regular first team football. There's no way we want to sell him."

Under the influence of his Northern Ireland team-mate Sammy McIlroy, Ian is steadily curbing his fiery temper.

"Sammy tends to keep me cool on the pitch and I've learnt a



lot from him. I'm no goody-two-shoes but I have made an effort to quieten down recently."

Ian is becoming philosophical in his approach to the game and says: "I enjoy playing but don't take it too seriously."

"When you come from a city like Belfast, you learn to look at things in perspective. Over there, people are getting hurt every day."



**HAD** Henri Delaunay lived to see the Nations Cup start, he may well have been disappointed with only 17 nations entering and the tournament, won by USSR, was something of an anti-climax.

Eire, the only side from the British Isles in the inaugural tournament, went out in a preliminary round to Czechoslovakia.

The Semi-Finals and Final were single match deciders played in France. USSR beat Czechoslovakia 3-0 in Marseilles, while Yugoslavia, pipped France 5-4 in Paris.

In the final, also in Paris, USSR won 2-1 in extra-time with Metreveli and Ponedelnik scoring, while Netto put through his own goal to provide Yugoslavia with their goal.

The second competition was better supported. Only Scotland of the Home Countries didn't compete and altogether 29 nations entered.

England made a First Round exit, held 1-1 at Hillsborough by the French and crushed 2-5 in Paris, their first game with Alf Ramsey as manager.

Wales went out to Hungary, also in the opening round, while Northern Ireland made their exit to Spain in the Second after overcoming Poland.

Eire put out Iceland and Austria before crashing 1-7 to Spain in the Quarter-Finals.

The Semi-Finals saw USSR achieve a comfortable 3-0 win over Denmark in Barcelona, while in Madrid, Spain had problems in beating Hungary 2-1.

Before a crowd of 120,000 in Madrid, Spain defeated the Russians 2-1 with a late winner from Marcelino.

For the third competition in 1966, the 31 countries were split into eight qualifying groups.

The Home International Championship was used over two seasons to determine one group and England emerged as the winners, one point ahead of Scotland.

The Scots took three points off England, including a win over the World Champions at Wembley, but threw their chances away with a draw in Wales and a defeat in Northern Ireland.

The biggest shock came in Tirana where Albania held West Germany 0-0 when the Germans needed only a single goal to win their group.

At the Quarter-Final stage, England were the only team to win both matches, beating Spain 1-0 and 2-1.

The Semi-Finals were staged in Italy, and England fell to a late goal by Yugoslavia's Dragan Dzajic while the Italians got through on the toss of a coin after a goalless draw with USSR.

Italy were held to a 1-1 draw in the Final, but made five changes for the replay two days later, and beat Yugoslavia 2-0 with goals by Riva and Anastasi.

England had to be content with third place after beating USSR 2-0.

In the 1970-72 tournament England were once again the only side from these shores to qualify for the Quarter-Finals, dropping only one point — 1-1 at home to Switzerland — in a group that also included Greece and Malta.

England were pitched against old rivals West Germany in the Quarter-Finals where they suffered from the magic of Gunter Netzer in midfield.

He ran the game to set up Germany's 3-1 win at Wembley in the first leg, and the 0-0 draw in the return in Berlin was no use to anyone except the Germans.

The final stages arrived in Belgium where in Antwerp, West Germany beat the hosts 2-1 with Gerd Muller scoring both goals while in Brussels only 3,500 watched USSR beat Hungary 1-0 to reach their third Final.

The Russians remained in the Belgian capital for the Final where they played second fiddle to the Germans. Muller scored his eleventh goal of the competition and Wimmer added a second to see the

# FRANCE

Germans comfortably home.

In the 1974-76 Championships it was left to Wales to carry the British flag beyond the qualifying stages.

They picked up six points from Hungary and Austria to finish three points clear of their group, while England finished one point adrift of Czechoslovakia after losing to them and dropping a point in Portugal in their last two matches.

But Wales' hope of reaching the Semi-Finals were dashed by Yugoslavia who defeated them 3-1 on aggregate.

The final stages in Yugoslavia produced the best football ever seen in the competition. All four games went into extra-time, the Final was decided on penalties and 19 goals were scored.

Czechoslovakia beat Holland 3-1 in Zagreb while West Germany eventually overcame hosts Yugoslavia 4-2 in Belgrade, scoring twice in extra-time.

## How it began

UNLIKE the club-based Champions Cup, Europe's national competition didn't meet with universal approval until 1966-68.

Although South America had played a national championship since 1916, Europe had relied on regional competitions, like the Home Championship, the Scandinavian Cup and the Balkan Cup.

It was Henri Delaunay, secretary of the French Football Federation, who got the idea off the ground in the mid-1950s — though he didn't live to see the contest for the trophy which bore his name.

The first competition was more notable for its absenteess than for its participants. Italy, West Germany, Holland and all four British sides refused the invitation.

The major breakthrough came in 1966-68 when qualifying groups replaced the two-legged knockout system.

A brilliant display by West Germany in the 1972 Final and a superb series in Yugoslavia in 1976 helped lift the tournament as a spectacle, and by 1980 the competition had finally reached the position it should enjoy in the world game.

The final was a real thriller.

Czechoslovakia went in 2-1 up at half-time but Holzenbein equalised and the game went into extra-time and then penalties.

Uli Hoeneß missed Germany's second penalty and Panenka chipped in casually to give Czechoslovakia their first ever major tournament success.

In the 1978-80 competition, England, Northern Ireland and Eire were all paired in the same qualifying group. England dropped only one point — in Eire — to reach the finals in Italy which were being played on a different system.

The eight finalists were divided into two groups with the top two going through to the Semi-Finals.

England opened with a 1-1 draw against Belgium, thanks to a brilliant opportunist goal by Ray Wilkins, but Italy's Marco Tardelli effectively ended their hopes in the next match with the only goal.

England, at least finished the tournament with a 2-1 victory over Spain, with Trevor Brooking and Tony Woodcock scoring.

Belgium and Italy qualified from the group, along with West Germany and Czechoslovakia, who had overcome the challenges of Holland and surprise finalists Greece in the other section.

Two goals from Horst Hrubesch took the title back to West Germany, with Belgium only managing a single reply from Van der Eycken.

The third place play-off went to penalties with Czechoslovakia eventually beating Italy 9-8.

*Below: England central defenders Dave Watson (left) and Phil Thompson snuff out this Belgian attack during their opening game in the 1980 European Championship Finals which ended in a 1-1 draw.*



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## YOUR GUIDE TO THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### THE VENUES

#### PARC DES PRINCES, PARIS

THE principal stadium in France will take the honours during the European Championships as the one which will accommodate the highest number of journalists.

There will be three matches played there compared with only two in the other stadia in the provinces including the opening match on Tuesday, June 12 and the Final on Wednesday, June 27.

The stadium, which has staged two European Cup Finals involving English teams, Leeds in 1975 and Liverpool in 1981, holds around 60,000.

#### STADE DE GERLAND, LYON

SURELY nothing like this has ever happened before; one of the matches in the Championship and one of the Semi-Finals will be played in a stadium classified as a historic monument.

Indeed, the sculptured concrete surrounds of the stadium has been listed by the French Ministry of Culture as an edifice which is officially protected against any alterations, but this does not mean that changes cannot be made to the stands or to the pitch itself.

Work began in November last year and mostly involved a new tunnel from the changing rooms to the pitch, new roofs on the two main stands and changes to the dressing rooms.

The stadium has a capacity of 56,000.

#### STADE VELODROME, MARSEILLE

THE old Velodrome has undergone a major facelift to make it worthy of hosting the Championships.

The pitch has been re-turfed and the stadium capacity has been increased from 45,000 to 56,300.

The changing rooms have also been brought up to date which is bound to please the local club, Olympique de Marseille, who have fallen on hard times.

#### STADE FELIX-BOLLAERT LENS

ANYONE who has not been to the stadium for some years might well think they have gone to the wrong place next summer.



*Horst Hrubesch is engulfed by his delighted West German team-mates after scoring what proved to be the winning goal against Belgium in the 1980 European Championship Final.*

They will have the pleasant surprise finding a modern stadium, functional and with all the atmosphere of an English-style ground quite unlike the draughty old concrete jungle which preceded it.

Well before they knew anything about the European Championships, the local authorities, who have very close ties with the Racing Club de Lens, launched a renovation plan, including the building of a new stand.

#### STADE DE LA BEAUJOIRE, NANTES

UNLIKE Lens and Strasbourg, where the stadia have been renovated, the stadium in Nantes on the Atlantic coast will be entirely new, constructed on a new site.

It will be a little like the Parc de Princes because of its dashing modern architecture.

Deliberately built outside the city of Nantes, but not far from the superb training facilities of the French champions, the new stadium will replace the old Marcel Saupin Stadium.

#### STADE GEOFFROY-GUICHARD, SAINT ETIENNE

EVEN though the St Etienne club is going through a traumatic time, the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard remains a famous centre of national and international football thanks to the past deeds of St Etienne in the European Cup.

The old stadium has not undergone major changes, but improvements have been made to the grandstand and to the terracing which will increase its capacity to 52,000.

#### STADE DE LA MEINAU, STRASBOURG

THE stadium prepared for Strasbourg is really a new one. But the construction has been done stage by

stage, one grandstand after another, actually on the very site where the original Stade de la Meinau stood.

And the work was done in such a way that the stadium was never closed.

By the time the work has been

completed, it will be obvious that the home of Racing Club de Strasbourg is indeed a brand new stadium.

The renovation process had begun long before there was any talk of the European Championships being held there.

### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

	Winners	R-U	Third	Fourth
1960 (France)	— USSR 2, Yugoslavia 1*		Czechoslovakia 2, France 0	
1964 (Spain)	— Spain 2, USSR 1		Hungary 3, Denmark 1*	
1968 (Italy)	— Italy 1* 2, Yugoslavia 1; 0		England 2, USSR 0	
1972 (Belgium)	— W. Germany 3, USSR 0		Belgium 2, Hungary 1	
1976 (Yugoslavia)	— Czech +2, W. Germany 2		Holland 3, Yugoslavia 2*	
1980 (Italy)	— W. Germany 2, Belgium 1		Italy 1, Czech 1+	

\* denotes after extra time

+ denotes match won on penalties

**HERE'S how to fill in your European Championship progress chart. The dates, venues and kick-off times have already been decided and are included on the chart on page 54.**

**The eventual eight finalists will be divided into two sections, playing each other once with the top two in each group going through to the Semi-Finals.**

**So if France and England are the first two teams drawn out in Group One then they'll open the Finals in Paris on June 12. The numbers will correspond with the teams in each section.**

**And the end of the Group matches, you can fill in each table and mark down the leading scorers.**

**The winners of Group One and the second team in Group Two will meet in the first Semi-Final in Marseille on June 23, with the Group Two winners and Group One runners-up clashing the following night in Lyon.**

**The Final is scheduled for Paris on June 27, and here you can jot down the players who will be playing in that showdown.**

Your guide to the table on page 54

#### GROUP ONE

1 v 2	3 v 4
1 v 3	2 v 4
1 v 4	2 v 3

#### GROUP TWO

5 v 6	7 v 8
5 v 7	6 v 8
5 v 8	6 v 7

**The winner of Group One will play the runners-up in Group Two in the Semi-Finals in Marseille.**

**The winner of Group 2 will play the runners-up in Group One in Lyon.**

# YOUR GUIDE TO THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## GROUP ONE

June 12, Paris, 7.30

June 13, Lens, 7.30

Result \_\_\_\_\_

June 16, Nantes, 4.15

Result \_\_\_\_\_

June 16, Lyon, 7.30

Result \_\_\_\_\_

June 19, St Etienne, 7.30

Result \_\_\_\_\_

June 19, Strasbourg, 7.30

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Leading scorers:

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Final Table

## GROUP TWO

June 14, Strasbourg, 4.15

June 14, St Etienne, 7.30

Result \_\_\_\_\_

June 17, Lens, 4.15

Result \_\_\_\_\_

June 17, Marseille, 7.30

Result \_\_\_\_\_

June 20, Paris, 7.30

Result \_\_\_\_\_

June 20, Nantes, 7.30

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Leading scorers:

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Final Table

## SEMI-FINALS

June 23, Marseille, 7.00

June 24, Lyon, 7.00

Attendance

V

Scorers

Attendance

V

Scorers

## FINAL

June 27, Paris, 7.00

Teams

V

Teams

Scorers

Scorers

Third and fourth place play-off

V

Result

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# FOCUS ON LUTON'S

# Kirk Stephens

FULL NAME: Kirk William Stephens.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Coventry/February 27, 1955.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 9½ins./11st. 9lbs.

MARRIED: Yes, to Karen.

CHILDREN: Quinton, Simone.

CAR: Lotus Elite.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Nuneaton Borough.

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: I worked in the family business.

CLUB NICKNAME: 'Basha'.

WORST EVER INJURY: Knee trouble when I first joined Luton.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: My Luton team-mate Ricky Hill because he entertains.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Brazil and Nuneaton Borough.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Brazil's Zico — he's got so much skill.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Anderson, Moore, Charlton J, Cooper (all England), Giles (Ireland), Stiles (England), Souness (Scotland), Charlton R (England), Dalglish (Scotland), Best (N. Ireland).

BEST ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning side.

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:

Valencia, Spain.

BEST GOAL SCORED: In a pre-season friendly against Eskilstuna (Sweden), 1982-83.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: By my team-mate Paul Walsh. It was the second of his hat-trick against Notts County last season.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Brian Stein... in practice matches.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Luton's 3-3 draw with Liverpool at Anfield last season — I played in goal for 10 minutes in front of 'The Kop'.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring in the last minute against rivals Watford last season.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not becoming a professional footballer earlier.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and water skiing.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing most sports and a night out after a good result.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Handyman jobs around the house and shopping.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Minder.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads.

FAVOURITE READING: Autobiographies.

FAVOURITE POP STARS: Neil Diamond and Diana Ross.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Sweden.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: George Cole/Morgan Fairchild.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: All the Rocky films.

BEST FRIEND: Luton 'keeper Jake Findlay.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father.

WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing and hooligans.

SUPERSTITIONS: I change superstitions every week!

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Eggs.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: I played for a non-League team against Italy... and we lost 1-0!

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be healthy, wealthy and happy.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play top class football for a long time to come.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Work in the family business.

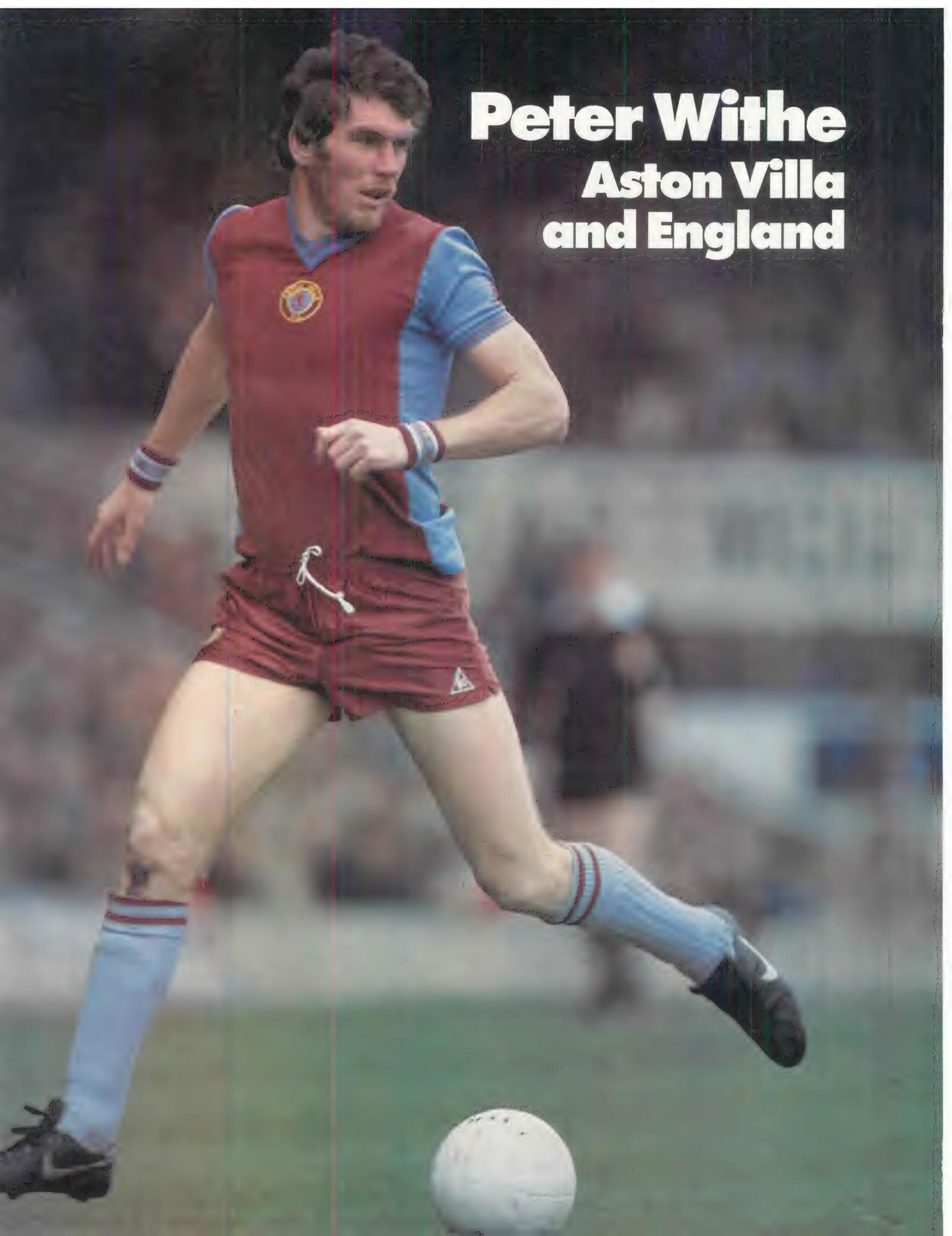
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Paul Walsh, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein... and maybe Brian Horton!

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Queen at Wembley.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Enjoy your football at whatever level you play.

*Kirk Stephens*





# Peter Withe

## Aston Villa and England



# NIGEL CALLAGHAN WATFORD

Watford

# 'IT'S TOUGH AT THE TOP'

says  
**Ally McCoist**



**STRIKER** Ally McCoist returned home to Scotland and admitted: "Playing in the English First Division proved much harder than I expected."

The youngster was transferred from Sunderland to Premier Division Rangers in the close season after two difficult years South of the border.

Ally caused a sensation two years ago when, as a raw 18-year-old, he moved to Roker Park in a £400,000 deal.

But he wasn't able to firmly establish himself in the exciting young Sunderland side and last season made just 19 League appearances and scored six goals.

He says: "My spell at Roker Park was like serving an apprenticeship. When I joined the club, I was only playing football part-time. I knew I had a lot to learn."

"I knew playing in the First Division would be tough — now I know just how tough," says Ally, who cost Rangers manager John Greig £200,000 on his return to Scotland.

"In many ways, I was disappointed to leave English football because I was really looking forward to the new season. I felt it could be the big breakthrough for me."

"In fact, when Alan Durban told me that he had agreed terms, my initial reaction was to say no. I wanted to stay at Sunderland."

"I wanted to prove myself in England," adds Ally, who started his career at St Johnstone.

But the 20-year-old hasn't ruled out the possibility of a return to England and he says: "I'd like to come back at some stage of my career but it's too early to say when. I am young enough to have another go."

"I feel I'm a better player for my spell at Sunderland. I'm much sharper and my control is better."

Ally believes that manager Alan Durban was forced to sell him so that he could raise money to buy new players. He says: "There's only one or two players that he could get cash for. So when Rangers came in, he had to sell."

"The move came right out of the blue. I hadn't heard of any transfer speculation concerning myself."

"Rangers are the only club I would have left Sunderland for. When I was a kid, I watched them from the terraces and dreamed of playing for them."

The Glasgow giants finally got their man after he had turned them down on three occasions.

He preferred minnows St Johnstone when he was a schoolboy, turned Rangers down when he moved to Sunderland and rejected them again when they made their initial approach in the close season.

"Although I originally made up my mind to stay at Roker, two minutes in the company of John Greig changed all that."

"He struck me as a fantastic person — he is very honest and straightforward and the set-up at Ibrox impressed me so much. It's an unbelievable place."

"Although Rangers reached two Cup Finals last season, it was a disappointing campaign by their own high standards. I'd love to help bring back the glory days."

Ally accepts that the standard of football in Scotland has risen since he set the First Division alight with 23 goals in the 1980-81 campaign.

Rangers' new signing Ally McCoist . . . could return to English football.

He says: "Clubs like Aberdeen, Dundee United and St Mirren have established themselves as real threats to Celtic and Rangers."

"That's great because it has made the whole scene more competitive and created much more interest in the game."

Ally, who has signed a three-year contract with his boyhood idols, started his career as a midfielder but switched up front with devastating effect. He says: "I'm happy to play in either role."

With the arrival of Paul Bracewell from Stoke, Ally predicts a very bright future for his old club and he says: "In a couple of years, I believe they will be capable of challenging for major honours."

"They have got some very good youngsters in the likes of new England cap Nick Pickering, Colin West and Barry Venison."

And he is sure that the influence of veterans Leighton James and Frank Worthington did the younger players a power of good last season.

He says: "They settled us down. Before they arrived, we were rushing around too much. If we took the lead we rarely kept it."

"But Frank and Leighton taught us the value of patience. They were very good at holding the ball and not giving it away."

"Frank has moved to Southampton now but it was a great experience to play alongside such a class player and marvellous character."

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## No medals, but John has no regrets

JOHN WILE spent 13 years at the top with West Brom without anything to show for it!

He never won international recognition, played at Wembley in a Cup Final or collected a major domestic medal with the Midlands club.

But there isn't a trace of jealousy or regret when the new Peterborough player-manager reflects on a remarkable career.

"Winning honours and medals is the icing on the cake. I'm simply proud of the fact that I spent 13 years at the top, and was never once dropped," he says.

"I've seen too many players who have had one fleeting moment of glory and then drop like a stone into the Third or Fourth Divisions.

"I bet there are some players around who would gladly sacrifice a medal or a cap to have stayed in the First Division a little longer.

"Sure, I would have loved to have played in a team as consistent as Liverpool and stayed in it. That would be a real achievement.

"But I don't think I would have been playing in the Liverpool team at the age of 36 and then be offered another two-year contract."

John, who figured in two FA Cup Semi-Finals, claims he doesn't feel empty at

missing out on the glory and, in his opinion, England caps are somewhat devalued these days because of falling standards.

"Just look at the number of players manager Bobby Robson has selected in the past few months. A few years ago most of them wouldn't even figure on the brink of an international squad," he says.

"He has a difficult job in trying to produce an international class England team with only three international players — Peter Shilton, Bryan Robson and Trevor Francis.

"Incidentally, I can remember Bryan joining us as an apprentice. He was very small and at one time the club nearly released him because of his frail physique.

"But he's a lad who worked hard at his game and through that he has been highly rewarded.

"There are probably more gifted players around than him, but there are none with his talent who have worked as hard.

"In the past you expected the England team to consist of above average First Division players, but that no longer happens.

"Today's England players just don't measure up to men like Bobby Charlton and Bobby Moore. We are kidding ourselves if we think they do.

"They are probably better organised defensively with the greater emphasis now on team-work, but all that has been at the expense of individual flair.

"We were also well organised a few years ago, but we still had players who could turn a match with one flash of brilliance.

"When I first came into the First Division in the early seventies every team had two or three players who, on their day, could destroy you with half a chance.

"Now you can look through the programme and struggle to find any players capable of doing that. Team-work and defensive organisation have overtaken the individual."

John, who has returned to the club who gave him his first break in League football after he had been rejected by home town club Sunderland, is tackling the new challenge with the same application and hard work that kept him at the top of his trade for all those years.

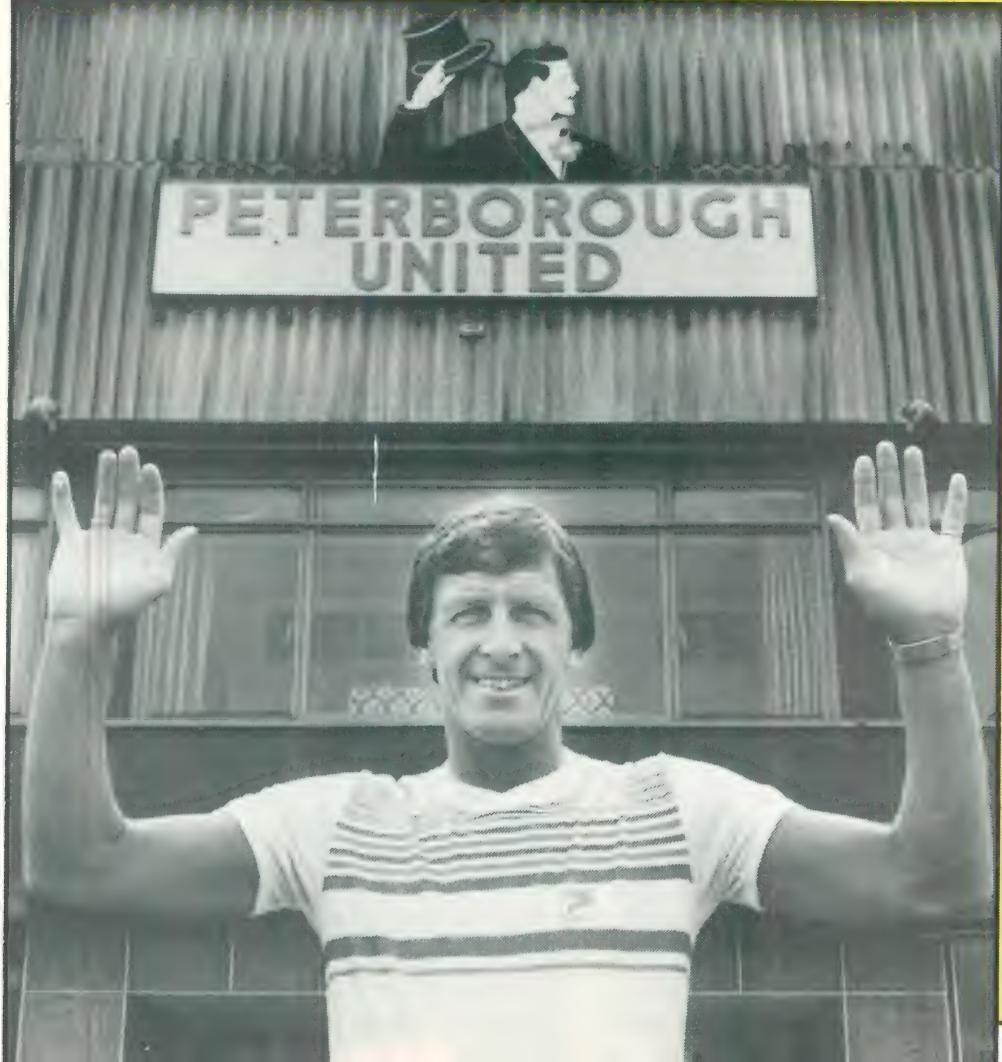
"I can remember when I was sold by Peterborough to West Brom for £30,000 back in December 1970, one player told me that a couple of years in the reserves at a First Division club was better than nothing.

"In fact, I played only five games in the reserves during my time at Albion, although I never expected to remain in the first team for so long.

"I never had the skill of a player like Roy McFarland, but I have more than compensated for that by sheer hard work and dedication."

And if he had to pick just one centre-forward who caused him a certain amount of annoyance then it's former England star Malcolm Macdonald, now manager of Fulham.

"I would have him in my pocket for 99 per cent of the game and in the other one per cent he'd slip away and score, leaving him very happy and content."



Left: John Wile . . . back at Peterborough as player-manager.

# BEST OF

## A team to beat the

### PETER SHILTON (England)

Club: Southampton

HE has established himself as one of the top goalkeepers in the world.

With Ray Clemence, he battled for England's number one jersey for several seasons, but before last year's World Cup Finals in Spain, he was in sole charge of this important position.

His reflexes, agility, handling and positioning are all qualities out of the top drawer, but he also possesses a keen eye for organisation, hence his elevation to the role of captain on several occasions.

He can always be seen directing operations, making unsuspecting defenders aware of possible danger signals.

Another of his major strengths is the concentration factor. He can be redundant for ninety per cent of a game but in the other ten per cent can pull off brilliant saves to keep his side in the match.

Age: 33



### PHIL NEAL (England)

Club: Liverpool Age: 32

THE selection of the consistent Liverpool full-back may provide a few arguments, but on the current scene there would be no-one better equipped for the job.

He has had his critics over the years and in the World Cup Finals he lost his job to acting skipper Mick Mills.

But Phil battled on and reclaimed the berth when Mick was overlooked by new England boss Bobby Robson at the start of the last season.

He's an astute distributor of the ball and links up well with the attack on the overlap. If anyone questions his ability, then one can simply point out that he has been in the Liverpool side nine years — and there is no better testament to his performances than that.



### KENNY SANSOM (England)

Club: Arsenal Age: 25

WITH defenders, particularly full-backs, having to be adept these days at both stopping and creating goals, then Kenny Sansom is clearly one of the leaders in this aspect of modern football.

He has emerged as one of Europe's best attacking full-backs, having the ability to take on opposing defenders and produce telling crosses from the dead ball line.

But his prime task in the side is to prevent danger down the right flank and in this role he has always displayed a cool head and clear brain in keeping out of trouble.



# BRITISH World

THIS is it. Our British XI to take on the rest of the world. According to Match Weekly's panel of experts, this team would take some holding on the world stage.

Do you agree with it? Is Peter Shilton better than Northern Ireland's Pat Jennings? Should there be a place for England's enigmatic Glenn Hoddle?

The choices for the team, made up from current internationals in the four Home Countries, are endless. But we stand by our selection . . .



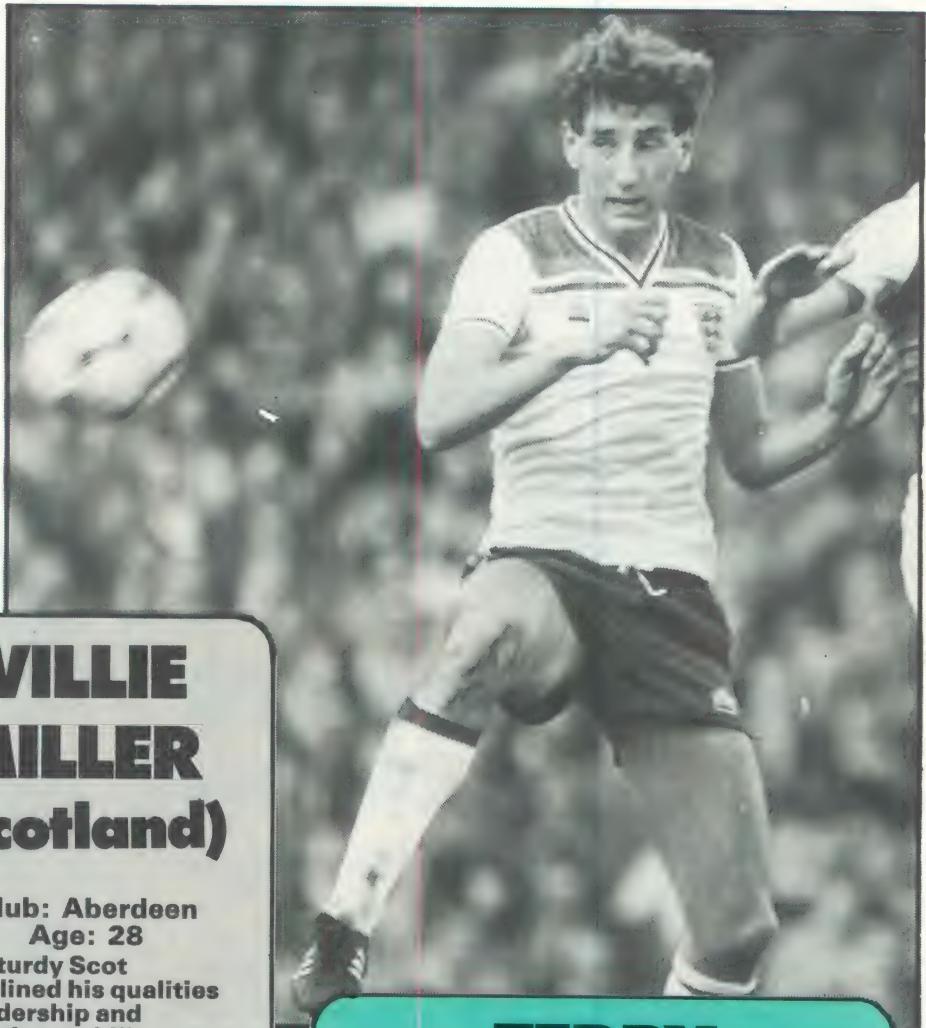
## WILLIE MILLER (Scotland)

Club: Aberdeen  
Age: 28

THE sturdy Scot underlined his qualities of leadership and defensive mobility during Aberdeen's first-ever European trophy success last season.

He may lack the attacking inclinations of Liverpool's Alan Hansen, his main rival for his country's number six shirt, but he's dependable, alert and durable when all the danger signals are flashing.

He has produced some of his best displays for Scotland when playing alongside club-mate Alex McLeish, but his determination and spirit makes him an ideal partner for any central defender.



## TERRY BUTCHER (England)

Club: Ipswich

Age: 24

IF you're looking for a centre-half to dominate aerial proceedings and provide an awesome presence at dead ball situations, then you can surely look no further than England's Terry Butcher.

A giant of a man, he has firmly established himself in the heart of the England defence over the past year.

Apart from being strong and aggressive, he also possesses a fair turn of speed for such a towering fellow.

And, apart from his defensive qualities, he's a real weapon to have in your armoury at corners and free kicks, especially on the near post from where he has laid on several goals.

# BEST

## GORDON STRACHAN (Scotland)

**Club:** Aberdeen

**Age:** 26

THE wily midfield terrier really caught the public's imagination during the World Cup Finals last year with his darting probes and runs from just behind the strikers.

He has been an outstanding player in Aberdeen's progress to the top and his trickery and pace on the right have made him a key figure in Scotland manager Jock Stein's plans.

On his day, Gordon can be a match winner — with his ability to take defenders out of the game with a jinking run or simply a swivel of the hips.



## GRAEME SOUNESS (Scotland)

**Club:** Liverpool  
**Age:** 30

WHEN it comes to masterminding the troops from midfield, then there is no better general around than the Scotland skipper.

Picking up the ball from defensive situations, he can quickly switch the focal point of attack with accurate long range passes or simply dwell on the ball until his colleagues are positioned to make a counter raid.

Apart from an astute brain and keen eye for an opening, Graeme also packs a real punch in either foot and has collected more than a fair share of goals from outside the penalty area.



## BRYAN ROBSON (England)

**Club:** Manchester United

**Age:** 26

THERE were more than a few sceptics around when Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson paid out a British record fee of £1.5 million for the West Brom utility player two seasons ago.

But the England skipper has emerged in those two years as probably the most complete player in the country and would command a place in any world select side.

His ability to sniff out goalscoring chances with controlled breaks from midfield was never better illustrated than in United's FA Cup victory and his infectious enthusiasm and ball winning attributes all add up to a player that most managers in the country would more than welcome in their side.

# OF BRITISH

## *A team to beat the World*



### KENNY DALGLISH (Scotland)

**Club:** Liverpool      **Age:** 32

LIKE good wine, the Liverpool scoring ace appears to be maturing with age.

He has been written off several times, particularly at international level where he has often been criticised for failing to recapture his brilliant club form.

But you can never keep a good man down, as he proved recently in Belgium with two brilliant goals when many people thought his international days were numbered.

He's sharp and incisive around the penalty area, with his main weapon being his ability to turn defenders on a five pence piece to create goalscoring opportunities.

### IAN RUSH (Wales)

**Club:** Liverpool      **Age:** 21

IF you've got Kenny Dalglish in your side, then who better to partner him in the shooting stakes than his Liverpool club-mate Ian Rush.

Over the past two seasons the Welshman has become one of the country's most consistent goalscorers in the ruthless Liverpool machine, showing what a great investment Bob Paisley made when buying this unknown from Chester for £300,000 three years ago.

And over the past 12 months he has also shown that he can operate just as efficiently without his Liverpool accomplice by scoring on a regular basis for Wales.

He's razor sharp in front of goal with the uncanny knack of converting more chances than most other strikers in Britain.



### TREVOR FRANCIS (England)

**Club:** Sampdoria      **Age:** 29

PUT the England striker alongside Dalglish and Rush and you have a pretty lethal strike force.

It's only since his move to Italy that the former Birmingham, Nottingham Forest and Manchester City player has shown his full potential in an England shirt.

He's quick and possesses the ability to get past the continental man-to-man marking system that he faces every week in the Italian League.

One of his best attributes is his ability to get to the byeline and whip over crosses, and, like Ian Rush, he is a lethal finisher.



# THE FA CUP STORY

Arthur Albiston lifts the FA Cup in triumph as he celebrates Manchester United's victory with his jubilant team-mates. Over the next eight pages, we show how the 1982-83 FA Cup was won.





Brentford's Tony Mahoney — scored a hat-trick in the 7-0 demolition of Windsor and Eton.

## RESULTS

Aldershot 4, Wimborne 0  
Altrincham 2, Rochdale 1  
Blackpool 3, Horwich 0  
Boston United 3, Crewe 1  
Bournemouth 0, Southend 2  
Bristol Rovers 1, Wycombe 0  
Carshalton 4, Barnet 0  
Chesham 0, Yeovil 1  
Chester 1, Northwich 1  
(Rep: Northwich 3, Chester 1)  
Chesterfield 2, Peterborough 2  
(Rep: Peterborough 2,  
Chesterfield 1)  
Colchester 0, Torquay 2  
Darlington 0, Scunthorpe 1  
Enfield 0, Newport 0  
(Rep: Newport 4, Enfield 2)  
Gillingham 1, Dagenham 0  
Halifax 0, North Shields 1  
Hartlepool 3, Lincoln 0  
Holbeach 0, Wrexham 4  
Huddersfield 1, Mossley 0  
Hull 1, Sheff. United 1  
(Rep: Sheff United 2, Hull 0)  
Macclesfield 1, Worcester 5  
Mansfield 3, Stockport 2  
Northampton 2, Wimbledon 2  
(Rep: Wimbledon 0,  
Northampton 2)  
Orient 4, Bristol City 1  
Oxford 5, Folkestone 2  
Plymouth 2, Exeter 0  
Portsmouth 4, Hereford 1  
Port Vale 0, Bradford 1  
Preston 5, Shepshed 1  
Reading 1, Bishop's Stortford 2  
Slough 1, Millwall 0  
Swindon 2, Wealdstone 0  
Tranmere 4, Scarborough 2  
Walsall 3, Kettering 0  
Weymouth 4, Maidstone 3  
Wigan 0, Telford 0  
(Rep: Telford 2, Wigan 1)  
Windsor 0, Brentford 7  
Wokingham 1, Cardiff 1  
(Rep: Cardiff 3, Wokingham 0)  
Workington 1, Doncaster 2  
Worthing 2, Dartford 1  
York 3, Bury 1

FA CUP ties at this stage of the long, hard road to Wembley, with Third and Fourth Division teams putting their reputations on the line against non-League scalp-hunters, contain more blood and thunder than the quaint old English custom of fair play and 'After you, sir,' exchanges.

Certainly acts of charity were the last thing on the minds of the Southend players as they left their Essex shores for the bracing air of Bournemouth, whose manager, David Webb, was never a player to submit to supremacy, even if facing a tank.

But the long arm of friendship was to link those two coastal resorts in an incredible manner.

Within 19 minutes of the all-Third Division clash at Dean Court, Southend had one foot in the next round thanks to a 2-0 lead, both own goals by Bournemouth players Trevor Morgan and Nigel Spackman.

There was certainly nothing friendly in the way Sheffield United's Keith Edwards put his former Hull City team-mates out in the cold for the second time in a matter of weeks.

He had scored one of the goals that enabled United to dump Hull out of the Milk Cup, and his return to Boothferry Park was as welcome as snow in June.

As if to enjoy haunting them

like some spirited ghost, Keith duly scored to earn United a replay at Bramall Lane, and then did it again a few days later in the 2-0 win to rub salt in the wounds.

There wasn't a lot of love lost

as renowned Cup battlers Altrincham returned on their seemingly annual pilgrimage to embarrass League clubs who often barred their way to election.

It was almost a case of 'then there were nine' as both Altrincham and Fourth Division Rochdale had two players sent off in the former's 2-1 home victory.

But the Northern side were not the only little 'uns to indulge in a spot of giant-killing.

No fewer than six other non-League sides enjoyed a slice of national recognition.

North Shields and Bishop's Stortford both achieved success on travels to Halifax and Reading respectively, and Slough pipped Millwall in the last minute.

There were also victories for Boston United over Crewe and for Telford and Northwich in extra-time against Wigan and Chester respectively.

And Cardiff came close to going the same way as their humbled League colleagues, David Tong grabbing a face-saving equaliser 11 minutes from the end.

The hat-trick men were Brentford's Tony Mahoney in the 7-0 hiding of Windsor and Eton; Newport's Tommy Tynan as the Third Division side came through after a replay with Enfield, and Owen Brown as Tranmere ended Scarborough's hopes.

# The FA Cupstory 1st ROUND



## BOURNEMOUTH HIT THE SELF-DESTRUCT BUTTON!



Left: Sheffield United's Keith Edwards — scored a goal in each game to help dump his old side Hull out of the Cup.



## The FA Cup Story 2nd ROUND

# Scalped!!

A SHAVEN-headed schoolmaster with the uncompromising look of world boxing champion Marvin Hagler emerged as one of the Cup's characters as little Bishop's Stortford remained on the path towards possible glory and cash in the Third Round.

His name was Lyndon Lynch, and he packed a pretty powerful punch as Slough found to their cost in the Second Round.

Lynch hoped his hair-do, or lack of it in this case, might make him more streamlined and feared among the defences. It certainly worked against Slough as he slammed home a second half hat-trick to

## 'BISHOPS' GIVE SLOUGH HAIR-RAISING EXPERIENCE

spearhead Stortford to a convincing 4-1 away victory.

But even the goalscoring antics of Lynch had to take a backseat to the extraordinary exploits of Weymouth.

In the First Round, they stormed back from being two goals down, and history duly repeated itself at the home of Third Division Cardiff.

Cardiff, who survived a First Round scare themselves against Wokingham, appeared to be coasting home with first

Altrincham 0, Huddersfield 1  
Boston United 1, Sheff. United 1  
(Rep: Sheff. Utd 5, Boston Utd 1)  
Bristol Rovers 2, Plymouth 2  
(Rep: Plymouth 1, Bristol Rvs 0)  
Cardiff 2, Weymouth 3  
Gillingham 1, Northampton 1  
(Rep: North'ton 3, Gill'ham 2)  
Hartlepool 1, York 1

# RESULTS

(Rep: York 4, Hartlepool 0)  
Mansfield 1, Bradford 1  
(Rep: Bradford 3, Mansfield 2)  
Newport 1, Orient 0  
North Shields 0, Walsall 3  
Oxford 4, Worthing 0  
Peterborough 5, Doncaster 2  
Portsmouth 1, Aldershot 3  
Preston 2, Blackpool 1  
Scunthorpe 2, Northwich 1  
Slough 1, Bishop's Stortford 4  
Southend 3, Yeovil 0  
Swindon 2, Brentford 2  
(Rep: Brentford 1, Swindon 3)  
Telford 1, Tranmere 1  
(Rep: Tranmere 2, Telford 1)  
Torquay 4, Carshalton 1  
Worcester 2, Wrexham 1

half goals from Jeff Hemmerman and Roger Gibbins, but that only served to accelerate Weymouth into sterner action.

After pulling a goal back early in the second half, they made certain of never achieving a 'Welcome in the Hillsides' with two goals in the last 11 minutes.

It certainly wasn't a day for the Welsh to be singing down the valleys.

Joining Cardiff in the

embarrassment stakes were Wrexham, who went under to a late seige at Worcester where Paul Moss, a former Wolves player, scored, twice in the last twenty minutes to create another upset.

Raised eyebrows were also the order of the day at Fratton Park where big-spending Portsmouth had their famous Pompey Chimes silenced by their second-class Hampshire neighbours from Aldershot, and all after taking a fourth minute lead through Neil Webb.

Aldershot had the audacity to equalise within a minute through Les Briley, and then shook the 13,000 crowd with goals from Dale Banton either side of half-time.

A shock looked on the cards when Boston United swept into a ninth minute lead through former League player Jim Lumby against fashionable Sheffield United.

But that man Keith Edwards popped up with a second half equaliser, and then former Leicester striker Alan Young completed the job with a hat-trick in the replay.

The end of the road also came for Altrincham, beaten at home by a Brian Stanton goal for Huddersfield; Worthing, ditched by four second-half goals at Oxford; and both Northwich and Telford, beaten 2-1 by Scunthorpe and Tranmere respectively.

**Left:** Marvin Hagler look-alike Lyndon Lynch (top left) with some of his Bishop's Stortford team-mates following their 2-2 draw at Middlesbrough in the Third Round. It was Lyndon's hat-trick against Slough in the Second Round which earned them their glory hour.



IF ever there was the case of a reluctant hero then Birmingham's Kevin Summerfield surely fitted the bill.

Kevin became the toast of St Andrews with a Third Round winner in extra-time against Midlands neighbours Walsall after coming into the stalemate as a substitute.

But even he must have had mixed feelings when he popped in the all-important goal because only a few days before, he had been on loan to the Third Division club.

So nobody could blame Kevin if he looked a trifle bemused and bewildered coming into the fray on a field that virtually contained 21 team-mates!

But from Birmingham's point of view, he kicked the ball the right way, although his headline-grabbing goal failed to secure his future with the First Division club.

Just a few weeks later, he was on his way back to Fellows Park on a free transfer no doubt looking just a little embarrassed about knocking his new club out of the Cup.

The Midlands was also the scene for another mouth-watering FA Cup story, only this time the managers emerged as the central characters in another dramatic production.

The clash of former aides Brian Clough and Peter Taylor drew more attention than the actual skirmish between Nottingham Forest and struggling Derby County.

In the end, it was Peter Taylor with a smile as wide as the Trent after guiding Derby to a 2-0 victory and, to provide a sting in the tail, it was a goal from former Forest dynamo Archie Gemmill that set them on their way.

Queen's Park Rangers' players probably felt the same way as Brian Clough as they bowed out to a late goal from their former striker Peter Eastoe.

By a strange twist of fate, Rangers, Cup Finalists the previous year, were paired with West Brom, the side they defeated in the Semi-Finals to reach Wembley.

But this time West Brom

# The FA Cup Story 3rd ROUND



gained revenge with Peter Eastoe grabbing the winner seven minutes from time after Rangers had twice fought back to level.

Meanwhile, Rangers' Wembley conquerors, Tottenham, were having problems of their own in keeping up their hat-trick bid at the expense of Southampton.

In the end, it took a Mike Hazard goal five minutes into the second half to bring huge sighs of relief from the White

Hart Lane faithful who could see England's Peter Shilton growing larger and larger in the Southampton goal.

The two remaining non-League sides, Worcester and Bishop's Stortford, both enjoyed their moments of glory before bowing out bravely and with great credit to Coventry and Middlesbrough respectively.

Worcester actually took the lead at Coventry through a Paul Moss penalty, but the First Division side gradually assumed control to claim a Fourth Round ticket.

Little Bishop's Stortford bounced back from being two goals down at Middlesbrough to earn a replay, but David Shearer ended their giant-killing hopes with two goals in a 2-1 win after that man Lyndon Lynch had threatened an upset with the opening goal.

There was almost a major shock in Wales where Everton saved face with a Kevin Sheedy equaliser just six minutes from time, and they gratefully scrambled through at Goodison Park to defeat Newport for the second time in cup competitions in a matter of weeks.

Merseyside rivals Liverpool also fell behind to a Simon Garner goal at Blackburn, but David Hodgson and Ian Rush scored before half-time to deny the Second Division side their hour of glory.

Ipswich were in a far worse position at Charlton. They were two goals down inside 14 minutes but rallied through John Wark, who netted right on the strokes of half-time and full-time to see them out of a tight corner.

Frans Thijssen was the other Ipswich scorer.

# IRONIC TWIST FOR SCORER KEVIN HERO AND VILLAIN!



An FA Cup shock was on the cards when Worcester's Paul Moss slotted home this 18th minute penalty to put the non-Leaguers in front at Coventry, but the First Division side eventually ran out 3-1 winners.

Arsenal 2, Bolton 1  
Blackburn 1, Liverpool 2  
Bradford 0, Barnsley 1  
Brighton 1, Newcastle 1  
(Rep: Newcastle 0, Brighton 1)  
Cambridge 1, Weymouth 0  
Carlisle 2, Burnley 2  
(Rep: Burnley 3, Carlisle 1)  
Charlton 2, Ipswich 3  
Coventry 3, Worcester 1  
C. Palace 2, York 1  
Derby 2, Nottm Forest 0  
Huddersfield 1, Chelsea 1  
(Rep: Chelsea 2, Huddersfield 0)  
Leeds 3, Preston 0

## RESULTS

Leicester 2, Notts County 3  
Luton 3, Peterborough 0  
Man. United 2, West Ham 0  
Middlesbro 2, Bishop's Stortford 2  
(Rep: Bishop's St 1, Middlesbro 2)  
Newport 1, Everton 1  
(Rep: Everton 2, Newport 1)  
Northampton 0, Aston Villa 1  
Norwich 2, Swansea 1  
Oldham 0, Fulham 2  
Oxford 1, Torquay 1  
(Rep: Oxford 1, Torquay 2)

Scunthorpe 0, Grimsby 0  
(Rep: Grimsby 2, Scunthorpe 0)  
Sheff. United 0, Stoke 0  
(Rep: Stoke 3, Sheff. United 2)  
Shrewsbury 2, Rotherham 1  
Southend 0, Sheff. Wed. 0  
(Rep: Sheff. Wed 2, Southend 2)  
(2nd rep: Sheff. Wed. 2, Southend 1)  
Swindon 7, Aldershot 0  
Tottenham 1, Southampton 0  
Tranmere 0, Wolves 1  
Walsall 0, Birmingham 0  
(Rep: Birmingham 1, Walsall 0)  
Watford 2, Plymouth 0  
West Brom 3, Q.P.R. 2



# The FA Cup Story 4th ROUND

# ABRACADABRA!

If Norwich provided the 'Houdini' escape act in the Fourth Round entertainment show, then Arsenal's Graham Rix earned equal billing by conjuring up the magic of Merlin to keep his side on the road to Wembley.

The Canaries of Norwich had lost their chirpiness as Coventry cruised towards the Fifth Round on the cushion of a two-goal lead at Highfield Road.

But they bounced back with goals from Aage Hareide and Mark Barham in the last 19 minutes to earn a replay that saw them grab a dramatic winner in extra-time.

It looked like the same script from the first encounter when Mark Hateley headed Coventry in front after just two minutes.

But Keith Bertschin forced home an equaliser early in the second half and Barham hounded Brian Roberts into conceding an own goal eight minutes into extra-time.

In the meantime, Arsenal were having their own private battle with Leeds that needed three games to decide the outcome.

And it was England's Graham Rix who ended up as the villain of the piece in the eyes of the battling Second Division club. It was the mercurial Rix who saved Arsenal from the jaws of death in the dying seconds of the replay at Elland Road.

He curled in a long range free-kick with all the nonchalance of a practice routine just one minute from the end of extra-time after Aidan Butterworth had seemingly given Leeds victory.

And who should eventually settle the tie in favour of the North Londoners? Yes, that man Rix again with an 82nd minute goal after Terry Connor had levelled matters in the second replay at Highbury.

Still in the capital, Tottenham's success show remained on the road towards their third successive

Arsenal 1, Leeds 1  
(Replay: Leeds 1, Arsenal 1)  
(Second Replay:  
Arsenal 2, Leeds 1)  
Aston Villa 1, Wolves 0  
Brighton 4, Man. City 0  
Burnley 3, Swindon 1  
Cambridge 1, Barnsley 0  
Coventry 2, Norwich 2  
(Replay: Norwich 2, Coventry 1)  
C. Palace 1, Birmingham 0  
Derby 2, Chelsea 1  
Everton 2, Shrewsbury 1

## RESULTS

Ipswich 2, Grimsby 0  
Liverpool 2, Stoke 0  
Luton 0, Man. United 2  
Middlesbrough 2, Notts County 0  
Torquay 2, Sheff. Wed. 3  
Tottenham 2, West Brom 1  
Watford 1, Fulham 1  
(Replay: Fulham 1, Watford 2)

## Rix magic sinks battling Leeds

appearance at Wembley despite the shock of a Clive Whitehead opener for West Brom. Garth Crooks equalised within four minutes and little Terry Gibson became the toast of White Hart Lane with the winner 16 minutes from time.

Brighton's Mike Robinson proved to be something of a nightmare to his former Manchester City team-mates with two late goals in a 4-0 drubbing that signalled the departure from Maine Road of manager John Bond.

And another 'old boy' upsetting former friends was

Aston Villa's Peter Withe, whose goal put out Wolves, the team that revived his League career following a spell in South Africa.

Second Division Cambridge United created a slice of club history by reaching the Fifth Round for the first time thanks to Joe Mayo's 66th minute goal against visiting Barnsley, and Ian Edwards, back after a fractured jaw, gave Crystal Palace the distinction of toppling First Division Birmingham.

Another First Division side to bite the dust were Notts

County, who fell to goals from experienced campaigners Kevin Beattie and Ray Hankin at Second Division Middlesbrough.

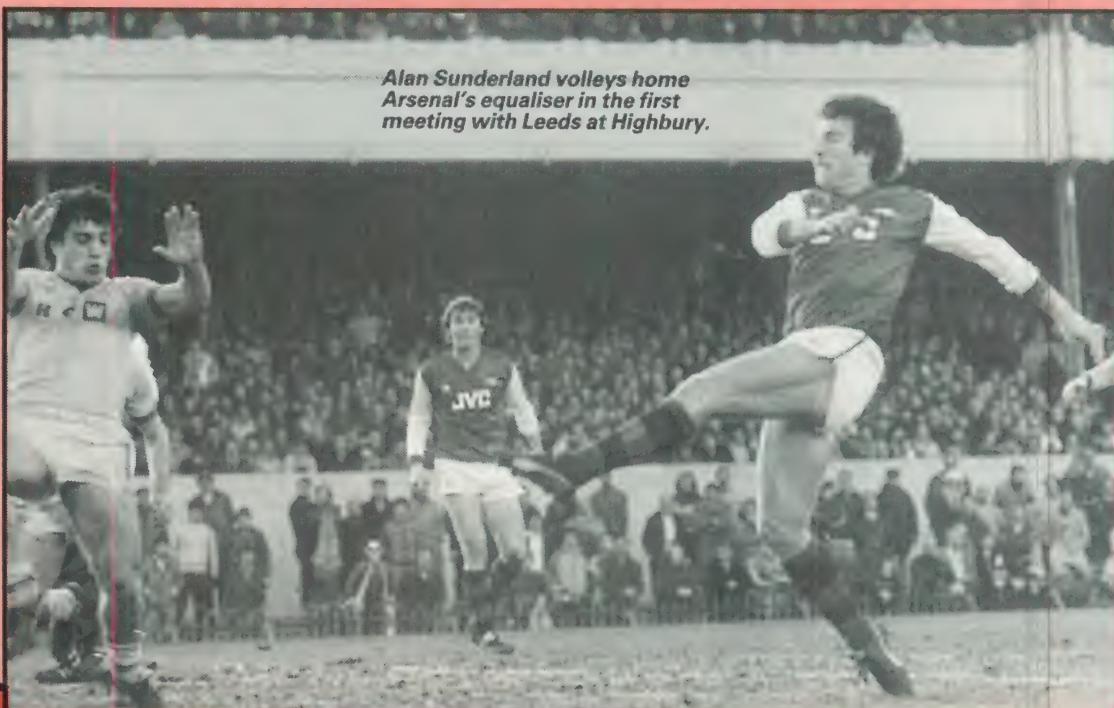
There were some late goals around the country. Kevin Wilson grabbed a last minute effort — his second of the match — to see Derby home against Chelsea and Gary Megson was Sheffield Wednesday's match-winner at Torquay.

Liverpool's Ian Rush also scored a last minute goal to add to Kenny Dalglish's first half effort against battling Stoke, and Jan Lohman struck ten minutes from time to save Watford's blushes at home to Fulham.

But the First Division side got home in the end with John Barnes grabbing a late winner at Craven Cottage.

And it was the two 'Ms', Remi Moses and Kevin Moran, who scored the second half goals to see Manchester United through at Luton.

Alan Sunderland volleys home Arsenal's equaliser in the first meeting with Leeds at Highbury.



The Canaries are in full song as they celebrate Keith Bertschin's (second right) fifth minute goal against his former club, Ipswich. The early strike proved decisive in the East Anglian derby at Carrow Road as Norwich moved within one match of equaling their Cup record of one Semi-Final appearance back in 1959.



TWO golden dreams turned into nightmares for two of the country's greatest clubs and the Fifth Round graveyard for the crushed hopes of Tottenham and Liverpool was in the soccer hotbed of Merseyside.

While Tottenham's demise was not totally unexpected at Everton, the collapse of League leaders Liverpool in their seemingly bullet-proof Anfield stadium at the hands of struggling Brighton bordered on the 'unbelievable'.

For Tottenham, it was the end of their brave bid to become the first team this century to win the FA Cup in three successive years, and the end of an unbeaten sequence of 16 Cup-ties.

Tottenham's dreams were intact until the 50th minute when Andy King, back at Goodison Park with the status of a 'Prodigal Son', put Everton ahead, and when Graeme Sharp added a second shortly afterwards, it was certain that a new name would be inscribed on the FA Cup.

Twenty four hours later in their first Sunday fixture at Anfield, Liverpool supplied rivals Everton with an all too infrequent reason for

# Bowing out!

## LIVERPOOL AND SPURS CRASH . . .

celebrating by losing to Brighton for the second time in 12 months.

And with the defeat went Liverpool's hopes of providing retiring manager Bob Paisley with the one domestic prize that had eluded him during his ultra-successful nine-year spell.

Ironically, it was Liverpool lad Jimmy Case who silenced the Kop with Brighton's winner just one minute after Craig Johnston had provided the 'Reds' with a springboard to greater things with an equaliser to Gerry Ryan's first half goal.

Another old boy who upset his former colleagues was Norwich's Keith Bertschin. He

# The FA Cup story 5th ROUND



## RESULTS

Aston Villa 4, Watford 1  
Cambridge 1, Sheff Wed 2

C. Palace 0, Burnley 0  
(Replay: Burnley 1,  
C. Palace 0)

Derby 0, Man. United 1  
Everton 2, Tottenham 0  
Liverpool 1, Brighton 2

Middlesbrough 1, Arsenal 1  
(Replay: Arsenal 3,  
Middlesboro 2)

Norwich 1, Ipswich 0

decisive for Arsenal in a 3-2 victory.

Young Northern Ireland star Norman Whiteside was Manchester United's hero at Derby, scoring just six minutes from time to deny Peter Taylor's revitalised side the chance of grabbing another First Division scalp.

And Luther Blissett blasted home a last ditch penalty for Watford, but that was all in vain as hosts, Aston Villa, had already blazed into a 4-0 lead, Gary Shaw and Tony Morley setting the European Cup holders on the way with two in the space of seven minutes in the first half.

Flame-haired Gary Megson was Sheffield Wednesday's ace in the Second Division battle at Cambridge, scoring in each half, while Burnley, after holding Crystal Palace to a goalless draw in South London, were indebted to Steve Taylor's 83rd minute penalty to see them through.



# The FA Cup Story 6th ROUND

## CASE KEEPS SEAGULLS FLYING ...

TWO experienced Cup campaigners with FA Cup Final goals at Wembley to recount in their memoirs were the Sixth Round heroes of Brighton and Manchester with golden winning goals.

Jimmy Case, who was Liverpool's goalscorer when they lost to Manchester United in the 1977 Final, kept Brighton's fairy-tale run going with a 67th minute goal to end Norwich's hopes of at least a replay.

He burst through Norwich's defensive ranks to slide the ball past goalkeeper Chris Woods and, although the disappointed defenders appealed in vain for an infringement, there wasn't to be a premature end to 'The Seagulls' celebrations.

At the other end of the country, Manchester United's Frank Stapleton, who, ironically had helped Arsenal defeat United

in the 1979 Final, was leaving his starring role until the very last seconds.

There was more than a hint of frustration among the Old Trafford faithful as Everton, with some degree of comfort, had more than matched United in front of a near 59,000 crowd.

A goalless draw looked on the cards, a result which not even the most partisan of United followers could have really begrimed Everton.

But big Frank left his trump card to the very last moment, firing home a spectacular winner out of nothing with all the calm assurance of a man knowing that he was at the top of his trade.

He has scored many vital goals in the red of Arsenal and United and the green of the Republic of Ireland, but none could have been more sweetly struck and received with

Gary Bannister wheels round in delight to celebrate the goal that put Sheffield Wednesday ahead at Burnley, but soon after Burnley equalised.



United's FA Cup hopes balancing precariously on a knife edge.

Arsenal, arch adversaries of United and still smarting from their inglorious Milk Cup Semi-Final defeat at the hands of Ron Atkinson's glittering stars, were heading for their fourth FA Cup Final in the space of six years.

And it was two newcomers to the Highbury scene that kept them on course in the 2-0 defeat of European Cup holders Aston Villa.

With Arsenal fans seeking solace for indifferent League form, England's Tony Woodcock and Yugoslavian Vladimir Petrovic struck within the space of four minutes midway through the first half to sow the seeds of success.

It was rather ironic that Petrovic, hero of the hour on that occasion, was later dispatched to Belgium having been unable to hold down a regular place.

Sheffield Wednesday were holding the Second Division flag, and what a way to reach the Semi-Finals for the first time in 17 years.

After returning from Milk Cup giant-killers Burnley with 1-1 draw, the Owls came out hunting in the night air to blitz their Second Division rivals 5-0 before a frenetic 42,000 crowd.

The good old days were back at Hillsborough and Wednesday were rampant with former Aston Villa player Gary Shelton putting the writing on the wall with two goals in the first 27 minutes.

Gary Megson, whose father Don led Wednesday in the last Cup Final appearance in 1966, added a penalty before the interval and then Andy McCulloch sealed the issue with two more goals in the second half against the team who a few weeks earlier had toppled Tottenham and Liverpool.

## RESULTS

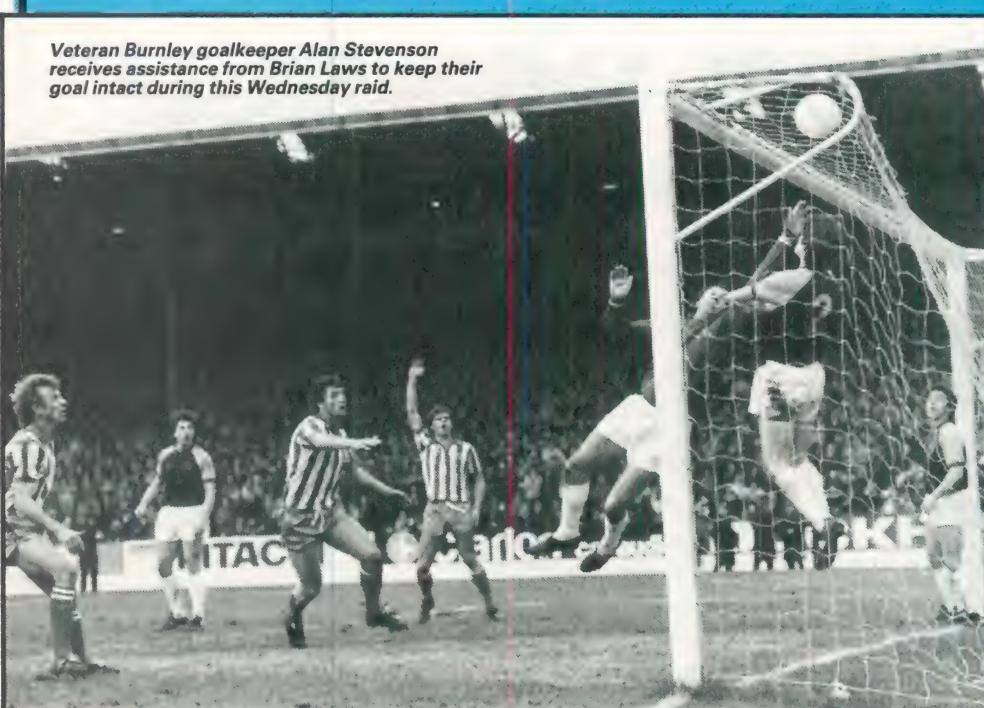
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# United and Brighton snatch 2-1 wins

Mike Robinson (light shirt, number nine) scores the goal that took Brighton to Wembley just eleven minutes from the end of their clash with Sheffield Wednesday.

## The FA Cup story SEMI-FINALS



THE 'Owls' are put to flight by the 'Seagulls' and the 'Gunners' are blasted by the 'Red Devils'.

That was the picture after the Semi-Finals with unfancied Brighton and red-hot favourites Manchester United lined-up for a Wembley showdown in May.

The titanic struggles for supremacy on a sunny, April afternoon, one at Highbury and the other at Villa Park, produced identical scorelines of 2-1 and a late winner.

At the end of the day, no-one could really begrudge the victors their hour of glory.

Even so, Brighton were deeply indebted to the finger tips of goalkeeper Graham Moseley for keeping them afloat in the dying moments as Second Division Sheffield Wednesday battled bravely for a second bite at the cherry.

Brighton may have been heading for the Second Division, but thoughts of relegation were far removed from everyone's minds as they celebrated victory with no-one more emotionally-charged than the balding Jimmy Melia, who

had only been in the hot seat a matter of weeks.

For Wednesday there was only the sad reflection of what might have been but for the agility of Moseley in those tension-gripped final seconds.

Nearly 55,000 crammed into the Arsenal ground to see whether Brighton could reach Wembley for the first time in their history or Jack Charlton's Wednesday could wind the clock back 17 years to their last final appearance.

It was the success-starved Brighton fans who saw the twin towers come a little closer after only 14 minutes when Jimmy Case unleashed one of his bullet drives that flew into the net with the accuracy of a missile.

It took Wednesday until 12 minutes into the second half to get back on terms when their Yugoslavian, Ante Mirocevic, forced the ball home from close range after a scramble in the Brighton area.

All the signs were pointing to a replay when the tireless Mike Robinson grabbed the priceless goal just 11 minutes from the end.

In the heart of the Midlands, nearly 47,000 fans saw United's hopes of a second Wembley appearance in the same season nosedive in the first half when Tony Woodcock put Arsenal in front.

There were just ten minutes remaining in the first half when the England striker tapped home after Stewart Robson had made the opening.

Young Robson, a pillar of strength in the Arsenal midfield, failed to appear for the second half because of injury, and once United had drawn level within four minutes of the re-start, there was virtually only one team in it.

It was England skipper Bryan Robson, back from an ankle injury that forced him to miss the Milk Cup Final, who stung United into action with a brilliant goal, darting across the face of a defender to sweep a left foot shot across the diving George Wood.

Then with twenty minutes left, Norman Whiteside, the 17-year-old who had already achieved so much, snapped Arsenal's offside trap to send

an unstoppable volley past Wood to send United fans into hysterics.

So United were back at Wembley for the second time this year, carrying the tag of being one of the hottest favourites for years.

Kevin Moran clenches his fist in determined mood as he celebrates with goalscorer Bryan Robson the Manchester United equaliser against Arsenal.



# The FA Cup story

## THE FINAL



# GLORY, GLORY MAN UNITED!

THE strains of 'Glory, Glory Man United' echoed around Wembley Stadium as skipper Brian Robson lifted the FA Cup after the most emphatic Final victory for eighty years.

United's 4-0 replay win over relegated Brighton was as conclusive as the scoreline suggests yet, just a few days before, the underdogs came within an ace of wrecking the Old Trafford dream.

It was only an instinctive save by goalkeeper Gary Bailey in the dying embers of extra-time that prevented bold Brighton

from creating one of the biggest Wembley upsets in years.

Brighton striker Gordon Smith could only shake his head in disbelief as the United 'keeper smothered his close-range effort.

It was unquestionably the most important save of Bailey's career for it set up victory for a United side that failed to impose their greater superiority in the strength-sapping conditions.

The pundits just couldn't imagine Brighton getting a second chance, and, with England's Bryan Robson dominating in

midfield, they were proved right a few days later.

But Gordon, the first player to play in English and Scottish Cup Finals in the same season, did have the satisfaction of heading Brighton into a 17th minute lead in the first meeting.

United pushed forward relentlessly but without much guidance and for long periods it seemed as though it would be Brighton's day.

That was until Frank Stapleton bundled in a 55th minute equaliser and then Ray Wilkins curled in a brilliant long-range goal, worthy of winning any major trophy.

It looked as though Brighton's brave effort would go unrewarded until 'man of the match' Gary Stevens popped up to smash home the equaliser just three minutes from the end.

It was the third successive year that the Cup Final had required a replay and, on this occasion, there was never any question after Robson's 25th minute opener where the Cup would be going.

Norman Whiteside headed a second four minutes later and, a minute before half-time, Robson sealed it with a third goal to make it one of the most one-sided Finals since Bury's 6-0 defeat of Derby back in 1903.

Dutchman Arnold Muhren rounded off proceedings in the 63rd minute with his first ever penalty in England, leaving Brighton bemused and bewildered.

*Top: Mike Duxbury (left) and skipper Bryan Robson celebrate Manchester United's FA Cup triumph on their lap of honour.*

*Left: Brighton hero Gary Stevens is mobbed by Mike Robinson (left) and Steve Gatting after earning them a replay with a late goal.*



# MIKE FLANAGAN QPR





Ipswich star John Wark — pictured blasting the ball past Manchester United's Gary Bailey — has a remarkable goal-scoring record.

# STRIKING GOLD!

Keegan is still Mr Consistency

**KEVIN Keegan, rejected by England after the World Cup Finals, is still one of the most consistent strikers in the Football League.**

Over the past three seasons, the Newcastle skipper has averaged a goal every 1.81 League matches, scoring 58 goals in 105 appearances for the Second Division side and Southampton.

That puts him second to Lincoln's Derek Bell in our exclusive survey of the recent goalscoring records of last season's leading scorers in the League.

We looked at their tally of goals and games over the past three seasons and, of those strikers currently in the top two divisions, there's no-one to compare with the record of the former England skipper — even though 14 of his goals came from the penalty spot.

Lincoln striker Derek Bell averaged 1.55 per game. Most of his 29 goals coming last season when he established himself in the Third Division side following the sale of Tony Cunningham to Barnsley.

It was a similar story for third-placed Dale Banton, the Aldershot striker (24 goals).

Below: Kevin Keegan — scores, on average, a goal every 162 minutes.

Right: Lincoln's Derek Bell has the most consistent goalscoring record over the past three seasons.



● THIS table shows the goalscoring records over the past three seasons of last season's top marksmen in the Football League.

	League Games	Goals	Pens	Ave games per goal
Derek Bell (Lincoln)	45	29	9	1.55
Kevin Keegan (Newcastle)	105	58	14	1.81
Dale Banton (Aldershot)	44	24	3	1.83
Bobby Campbell (Bradford)	126	68	3	1.85
Gary Lineker (Leicester)	85	45	1	1.88
Ian Rush (Liverpool)	79	41	—	1.92
Gary Bannister (Sheff Wed)	90	43	7	2.09
Mike Quinn (Stockport)	90	42	3	2.14
Kerry Dixon (Reading)	110	51	2	2.15
John Wark (Ipswich)	122	56	10	2.17
Luther Blissett (Watford)	123	56	16	2.19
Tommy Tynan (Newport)	112	51	13	2.19
Imre Varadi (Newcastle)	102	45	—	2.26
Bob Newton (Port Vale)	102	45	7	2.26
Bob Latchford (Swansea)	87	38	—	2.28
Francis Joseph (Brentford)	85	37	—	2.29
Steve Cammack (Scunthorpe)	114	49	3	2.32
Paul Rideout (Swindon)	90	38	9	2.36
John Thomas (Chester)	62	26	1	2.38
Simon Garner (Blackburn)	106	43	3	2.46
John Deehan (Norwich)	79	32	7	2.46
Jeff Hemmerman (Cardiff)	85	34	3	2.50
Paul Randall (Bristol Rvs)	93	37	—	2.51
Alan Biley (Portsmouth)	91	35	—	2.60
Ian Allinson (Colchester)	130	49	12	2.65
Steve Massey (Northampton)	86	32	1	2.68
John Leslie (Wimbledon)	117	43	—	2.72
Alan Shoulder (Carlisle)	78	24	3	3.25



# THE GRAEME SOUNESS COLUMN



The League Championship is safely back in my hands for the second year running.

LIVERPOOL'S 14th Championship-winning season was less than a month old when Anfield was rocked by some devastating news.

Manager Bob Paisley dropped the bombshell that he was going to retire at the end of the season after eight glorious years.

Bob's decision was a particular blow to me because I owe him everything. It was he who brought me from Middlesbrough. If I had stayed at Ayresome Park I wouldn't have won anything in my career.

As soon as his decision was announced the media started talking about how the players were determined to give him the best possible leaving present — the only domestic trophy that had eluded him — the FA Cup.

It's true that it would have been a fairy-tale end to a marvellous career, but that thought wasn't uppermost in our minds.

At Liverpool we are geared to winning trophies every season and we don't need outside incentives.

Anyway Bob was typically professional about the whole thing. He told us in no

uncertain terms to forget about his impending departure and just carry on the way we usually do.

In sharp contrast to the season before when we were languishing in 13th place at Christmas, we got off to a flying start and picked up maximum points from our first seven games, including a win at Arsenal.

'The Gunners' may not have set the First Division alight last term but I regarded that 2-0 victory as one of the highspots of the season.

And our close-season signing from my old club, David Hodgson, scored his first goal for the club in that victory. The £450,000 buy spent most of the season on the sidelines but when he did play he proved a very wise investment.

The first hiccup in our march to the title came at Portman Road when we were beaten by Ipswich — a team who had surprised everyone by struggling at the wrong end of the First Division.

Young striker Mich D'Avray, who took the place of Alan Brazil after his transfer to Spurs, scored the only goal that day, but we gained the perfect revenge by dumping them out of the Milk Cup in our first defence of the trophy.

The defeat at Ipswich was immediately followed by a 3-1 reverse at Upton Park at the hands of West Ham and signalled the start of a spell where we went four games without a win.

That included an amazing 1-0 defeat in the European Cup Second Round first leg at the hands of unknown Icelandic side, JK Helsinki. I rated it as Liverpool's worst result in their 19 years of playing abroad.

And the man who helped mastermind that defeat was a goalkeeper with the very un-Icelandic name of Jeff Wood. The former Charlton and



Kenny Dalglish — blazed back to form after being written off.

Colchester star was unbeatable between the posts.

I've got to take my fair share of the blame for that humiliating defeat because I slipped with the ball in the terrible conditions — the temperature was two degrees below freezing — and my mistake gave their striker a chance to beat Bruce Grobbelaar.

Thankfully we managed to put the record straight in the second leg and beat Helsinki 5-0. The game followed the same pattern as it did over there. The only difference was we converted our chances.

In the League we managed to win 5-0 on three different

occasions, but by far the most satisfying was in November when we thrashed our arch rivals Everton at Goodison Park.

And it was a game that our Welsh international Ian Rush will never forget. He got four of the goals with Mark Lawrenson adding the other.

Many people wondered whether Ian could reproduce the devastating form of his first full season in the Anfield first-team when he finished with 17 goals. But the youngster showed his class by bettering that performance and was once again our top scorer with 24 goals.

Ian's partnership with my Scottish team-mate Kenny Dalglish was tremendous. Ian proved he was no one-season-wonder, while Kenny blazed back to form after many people had written him off following a below par World Cup.

By Christmas Liverpool had built up such a healthy lead at the top of the table over second place Manchester United that the Press was telling everyone the title race was over.

That was dangerous talk and thankfully the coaching staff at the club are not the types to let us rest on our laurels. They wouldn't let us be affected by such talk and pushed us even harder.

If you start to believe that sort of thing there is a danger of complacency setting in. Then you're in trouble.

In the cup competitions, as in the League, results were going well for us. We were in the Final of the Milk Cup and looked to have a reasonable chance of success in the FA Cup because we were drawn against struggling Brighton at Anfield in the Fifth Round.

But once again our FA Cup jinx struck. 'The Seagulls' pulled off a shock 2-1 victory with my old Liverpool team-mate Jimmy

# BOB AT



England full-back Phil Neal. When he missed a penalty against Brighton I knew it wasn't going to be our day.

Care scoring the winner.

It just wasn't our day and that fact was hammered home to us when full-back Phil Neal missed a penalty near the end of the game.

Our European dream was the next to die when we went out in the quarter final. We were beaten by Polish side Widzew Lodz. We never recovered from a 2-0 defeat in the first leg over there.

That was tremendously disappointing because we are fiercely proud of our record in the European Cup and to go out to a side we felt we should have beaten took some swallowing.

That grief was forgotten just a couple of weeks later at Wembley when we outplayed Manchester United to take the Milk Cup. It was the best Liverpool performance I can remember and even when we were 1-0 down I was confident we'd win the game.

The score could have been 5-1 if substitute David Fairclough had managed to convert some of the late chances that came his way.

When the final whistle went after extra-time everyone expected me, as skipper, to go up and collect the trophy. So they were surprised when I followed manager Bob Paisley up the



Manager Bob Paisley poses with a souvenir presented to him on the last home game of the season.

# BOWS OUT THE TOP

steps to the Royal Box.

It was a spontaneous gesture. After all he had done for us, the players wanted him to share in the glory in his last season.

That cup success urged us on in the League and we finally clinched the Championship with half a dozen games to go. I sat in the stands at Goodison Park as our rivals Everton killed off Manchester United's hope of catching us.

In that moment of glory it was difficult for me to think of celebration. My mind went back to the defeats in Poland and by Brighton in the cup competitions.



Ian Rush proved he was no one season wonder.

It was those defeats which came flooding back as I realised the Championship was finally safely stored in the Anfield trophy cabinet.

After securing the title we were determined to give the manager the best possible send-off by winning our remaining games. Unfortunately it just didn't happen that way.

We became complacent and that's something which is normally unheard of at Anfield. Liverpool's biggest strength over the last few years has been our attitude but it just wasn't right at the end of the season.

It was our own fault. We found it difficult to motivate ourselves knowing that the title had been safely won.

Last season was a season of surprises and none shook me more than the performance of Graham Taylor's Watford. To

qualify for Europe in your first season in Division One is a marvellous achievement.

Many people criticised the club's style of play but there's no way I'd do that. It isn't the Liverpool approach but if it produces results it has to be right.

Although we beat them 3-1 at Anfield they really impressed me. Luther Blissett was the man who set them alight with his goals and it remains to be seen how they'll fare next term with his departure to AC Milan.

I said at the beginning of the season that Manchester United would be the biggest threat to our crown and that's how it proved to be.

And next season I expect them to mount an even more determined challenge after tasting success in the FA Cup.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graeme Souness".



## THE GRAEME SOUNNESS COLUMN

Below: David Hodgson proved a valuable deputy in attack for Liverpool.



# SOCER - WORLD

## ACROSS

13. The referee has one to do it on . . . (7)
14. . . . and this is a famous one (4,9)
15. The nickname of Watford (7)
17. Defender who made over 400 appearances for Barnsley and another 100 for Chesterfield but whose name sounded like a slogan for the old Accrington club (10)
18. Tender part which not all players bother to protect as they should (4)
19. Teams attack different ones in each half (4)
20. Norwich City moved to this ground almost fifty years ago (6,4)
22. A souvenir for a winner or a loser (5)
24. Did this club have three kings playing for it one Christmas? (6)
27. This high-scoring old centre-forward with Fulham, Arsenal and Crystal Palace sounds like a bird (5)
28. Filbert --- reintroduced Division One soccer in 1983 (6)
30. Top-scorer for Manchester City in 1982/83 (5)
34. A match can't start without it! (4-3)
36. One of three players with the same surname turning out for Bristol Rovers in the last two or three seasons (his first name is an anagram of 'granite') (7,8)
37. 'Lou's car' (anagram) — he was a driving-force for Portsmouth, Newcastle, Bradford Park Avenue and Scotland (7)
41. Irish club based at the national stadium, Dalymount Park (9)
42. They began coming on on a regular basis only in the 1950s (11)
45. Welsh international wing-half with Cardiff, Blackburn, Villa and Swansea — the club his brothers Alan and Colin also played for (5,4)
48. It is matches between teams which are this that people who do the pools try to pick (7-7)
51. That English club which plays half of its matches in Scotland (7,7)
55. One of Wimbledon's colours (4)
56. Croker, could be (3)
58. He sounds like a man of metal when he's the one who plays . . . (6)
59. . . . in this position between the posts (6)
60. & 85 across. Several pitches are encircled by them (3-6)
61. When managers speak of 'a result' they don't mean this sort of result (4)
62. Finished the wrong way in a nine-goal thriller (4,4-4)
63. South African winger who played for England but is probably best remembered for his last-minute goal which won the FA Cup for Blackpool in 1953 (5)
64. Much-capped intern. defender whose long c. Rangers started in 1965 (5)
65. Midfielder Ray sounds just like chap to do the pre-match practice with (5)
67. Stainrod, say (5)
69. Brentford is on the north bank, but this old half-back of theirs sounds as if he would be just right for presenting *The South Bank Show!* (5)
73. Big Reggie hides a famous old goalkeeper (5)
- 75 & 53 down. The first club to achieve the League and FA Cup

- double (7,5,3)
78. Scottish international stopper at Anfield Road through the 1960s; he later played for and managed Tranmere (5)
80. Striker who joined Chelsea from Arsenal in a swap with George Graham (5,7)
82. 84 & 87. Brilliant inside-forward with Real Madrid until they rather foolishly sold him to Juventus (for a world record fee) in 1962, wrongly anticipating that they were going to sign Pele in his place (4,3,3)
85. See 60 across
86. By Match Weekly's statistics, he was the safest keeper in Division One in 1982/83 (6)
87. See 82 across
88. Former Leicester, Derby and England man whose name is an anagram of 18 across (4)
89. How the referee clocks if the match has had crocks (4,6,4)
91. Midfielder who moved the opposite way after Ron Saunders switched from Aston Villa to Birmingham City (4,10)
94. What you'd ring at the front door of the police station to find a former Ipswich, Blackburn, Crystal Palace, Norwich and York defender? (5,4)
97. Midfielder with around 300 appearances for Derby — for whom his father, Tommy, made around 400 (5,6)
100. Obviously a riverside club in Scotland! (9)
105. Very famous ground about halfway between Watford and Wimbledon (7)
106. Simon Garner was this club's top scorer in 1981/82 and 1982/83 (9, 6)
109. Defender Colin --- was in action with Manchester City, Nottingham Forest and Swindon Town (7)
110. Former player and PFA man who helped prepare *The Chester Report* (5)
112. The number of England caps won in total by George Eastham and his son George (6)
114. --- Michels, famous Dutch manager who has been in charge of such clubs as Ajax and Barcelona and who took Holland to their first World Cup Final (5)
115. England full-back who turned out over 400 times for Liverpool and was famous for the number of goals he scored (6)
117. The nickname of Aldershot (5)
121. Club located at Layer Road (10)
124. Halifax or Huddersfield (4)
125. Any of several colourful Scots (4)
127. Most teams seem to include at least one at the start of each season (3, 7)
129. Nowadays each club tries to find one for the season (or even just for a match) to help cover expenses (7)
130. He scored the goal by which Arsenal clinched the FA Cup and hence the double in 1971 (7,6)
131. This non-League club sounds as if it leaves dirty marks! (7)

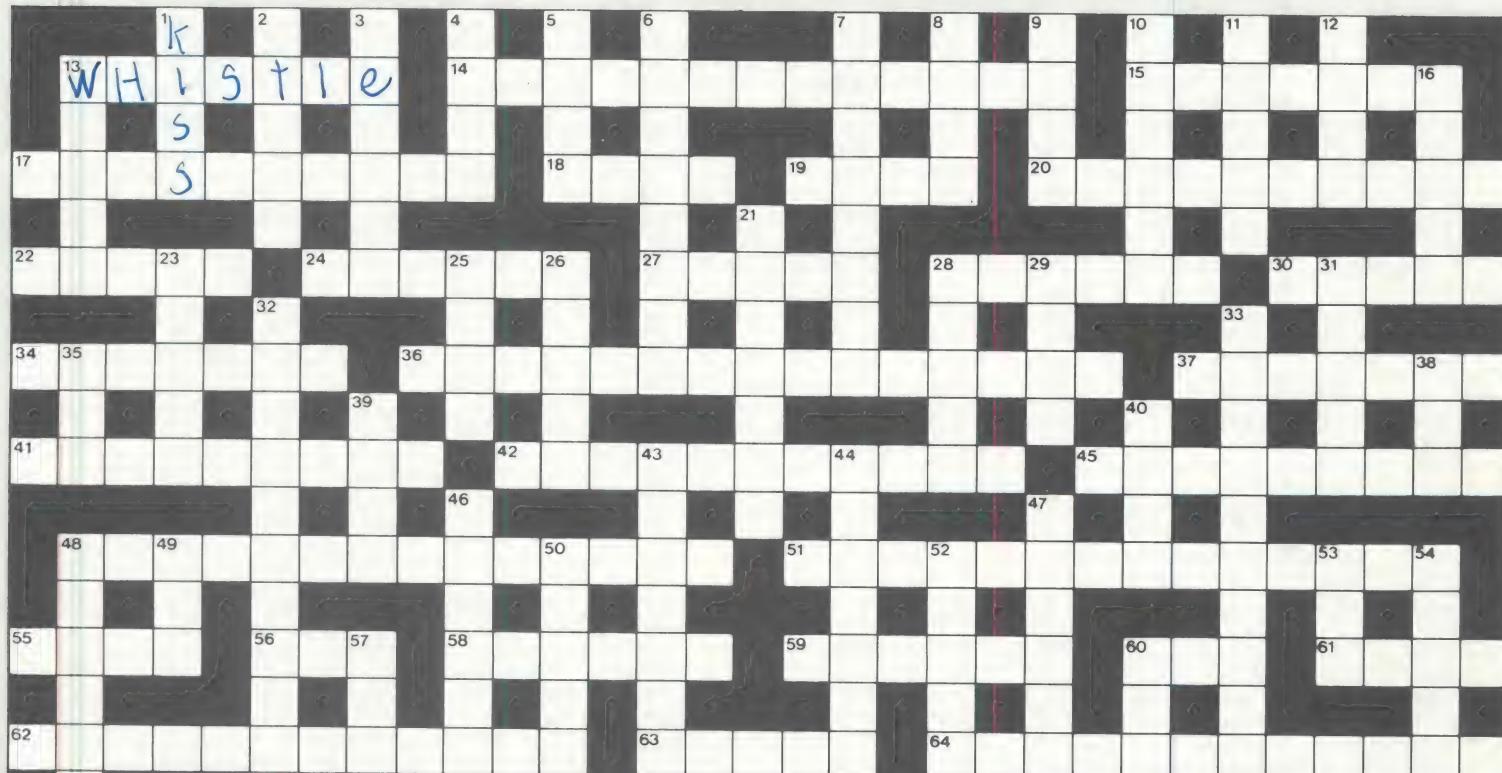
## DOWN

1. A striker for Hungary . . . and what the other players may do to him when he scores? (4)
2. Brothers Mickey and Kevin are standing amongst various tea-drinkers (6)
3. 'Roll me' (anagram) — that's Peter the keeper (6)
4. Mabbutt, maybe (4)
5. Those Red Devils . . . of Lincoln (4)
6. Premier Division Scots (2,6)
7. 'Len old? No!' (anagram) — he defended for Cambridge, Hartlepool and Scunthorpe in the 1970s (8)
8. The Irish club for which George Eastham and his son George both played together (4)
9. The first name of 17 across and 58 across (4)
10. With a name like his, this defender with many games for "The Gills" to his credit ought to be with "The Blades"! (6)
11. --- Butler, one of BBC-Radio's soccer men (5)
12. He was the new man after Newman as manager of 74 down (4)
13. See 38 Down
16. The nickname of Chester (5)
21. Goalkeeper who served Walsall, Shrewsbury, Wolves, Bolton and Port Vale (7)
23. It's easily tapped or twisted (5)
25. Striker Mel finds he's the opposite of Adams! (4)
26. Be losing (5)
28. Famous old Manchester City and England goalkeeper (5)
29. City in which Liverpool beat Borussia Mönchengladbach to win the European Cup in 1977 (4)
31. Harsh-sounding 59 across for Scotland (5)
32. See 77 down
33. Strikers aren't the only ones seen doing this . . . and some of them aren't seen doing it enough! (7,5)
35. --- Viktor, famous old goalkeeper for Czechoslovakia (3)
- 38 & 13 down. Swansea City's strip (3-5)
39. A 125 across who has often appeared up front with 25 down and . . . (4)
40. . . . Willie has helped to lay on the chances for them both (4)
43. A full-back goes on it by taking the ball down the wing (7)
44. QPR midfield man who won his first England cap on the 1983 close season visit to Australia (7)
46. Famous Italian who came on as a substitute for the substitute in the 1982 World Cup Final (6)
47. Former Swansea brothers Billy and Tony sound just the thing for your television set (6)
48. Old England winger who has managed Libya, Sunderland and, more recently, Darlington (7)
49. We see here most of the name of Herr Seeler, the famous and very popular old centre-forward of Hamburg and West Germany (3)
50. Play the ball to safety (5)
52. England's country (5)
53. See 75 across
54. Former Liverpool and Burnley half-back who shares a name with the longest river in the British Isles (7)
57. Defender Steve, who played over 300 matches in his two spells with Scunthorpe, sounded rather expensive (5)
60. Defender with over 400 appearances for Manchester City and another 100 or so for Stoke . . . then he began again with Bolton (5)
66. Mr Hartford knows his name backwards! (3)
68. He was in charge of Arsenal before Terry Neill came along (3)
69. Clyde Best, the former West Ham United star, was capped by this country (7)
70. One who is tricky with the ball but messy with his beer? (4,8)
71. The last edition of the sport paper on a Saturday evening or the last match of a tournament (5)
72. Non-League club Cyrille Regis went to West Brom from (5)

**THIS is it! Match Yearbook's David Peck has compiled this giant crossword to test your soccer knowledge . . .**

73. Just the sort of result you might get from two teams who are 48 across (8,4)
74. The club which plays in Cleethorpes (7)
76. A pass which sends the ball back to you (6)
- 77 & 32 down. These Scots may be down here, but they went up in 1983 (5,2,10)
78. 'Vim? Okay!' (anagram) — a famous scoring inside-forward who won numerous caps for Bulgaria (7)
79. Former long-serving stopper (notably with Barnsley, Bradford City and York) with an ornithological resemblance to 28 down (7)
80. The home city of Juventus (5)
81. He was manager of 77 & 32 down before he took over Plymouth Argyle in 1981 (6)
83. --- Owen, old England defender who played for and later managed Luton (3)
88. Obviously either team's half-time score if the result is 73 down (3)
90. The month of the last World Cup Final (4)
92. Popular defender --- Foukies used to hold the appearances record for Manchester United (4)
93. 'In grips' (anagram) — that's forward or midfielder Peter whose career includes over 200 matches for Hereford (7)
95. See 128 down
96. The first name of 81 down (5)
98. 'Itchy' (anagram) — he didn't scratch around for goals . . . he netted 49 for Hungary (5)
99. Equalise (even standing on your head!) (5)
101. Tree-man whose clubs have included Walsall, Chesterfield, Wolves and Barnsley (5)
102. It stops the ball when the goalkeeper doesn't (3)
103. The first name of 31 down and 101 down (4)
104. One of soccer's Busbys (4)
107. He has managed Peterborough and Wolves (8)
108. They're obviously not in the first team! (8)
111. Forward Barry --- shared 500 matches between Rotherham, Nottingham Forest, York and Darlington . . . and later managed one of those clubs (5)
113. Eire international Joe — joined 74 down from Leicester and played his 300th game for them in League matches in 1983 (6)
116. Forward Mike --- had around 100 games for Doncaster and another 200 for Preston where he was often up front when . . . (6)
118. . . . Roy --- was in goal (5)
119. --- Pye, old Wolves and England centre-forward (5)
120. One of the clubs Joe Jordan has played with (5)
122. What striker Jeff would do if he were in the kitchen? (4)
123. The international whose name is an anagram of 9 down (4)
124. It could be the offside one that someone's running into (4)
126. Bootham Crescent club (4)
127. Brotherston, maybe (4)
- 128 & 95 down. Score by which Sunderland won at Newcastle in 1908 and Wolves won at Cardiff in 1955 (4-3)

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## **THE BIG ONE!**

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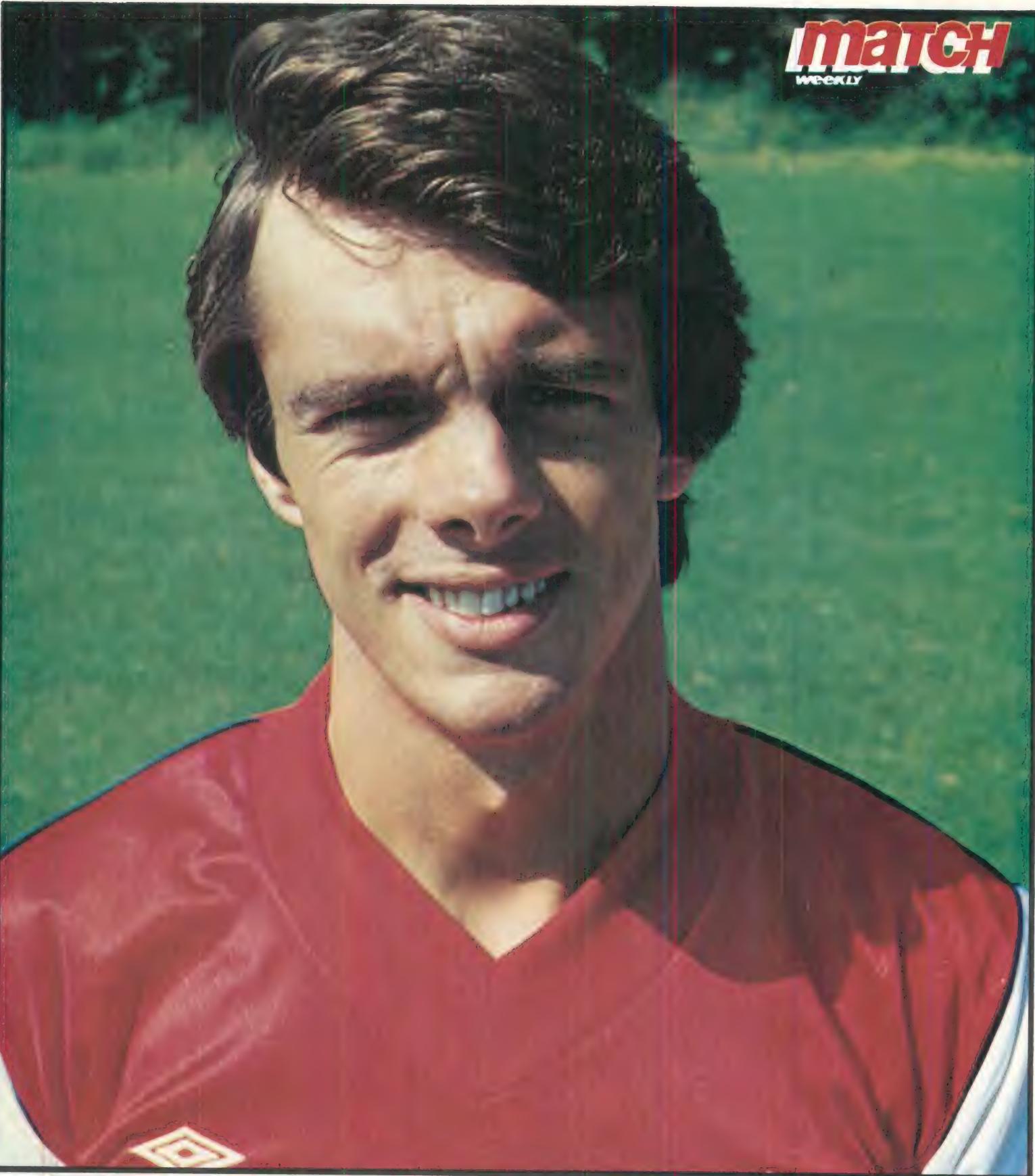




# ROMEO ZONDERVAN

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# DAVID O'LEARY

Arsenal  
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# MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M A LONDONER!

## Dave Swindlehurst loves London Town

A PHONE call from West Ham manager John Lyall was music to the ears of Cockney lad Dave Swindlehurst.

For not only did it mean the chance of a return to the First Division, but the ideal opportunity to go back to his beloved London town.

Says Dave, who spent three seasons at struggling Derby: "Being a London lad, I couldn't have wished for a better move.

"Although I enjoyed my spell in the Second Division with Derby, I missed living in the capital and it was great to go back home."

Dave's £200,000 transfer to Upton Park in March came right 'out of the blue' and ended weeks of speculation that he would be joining the then European Champions, Aston Villa.

The big, burly striker was seen as the ideal replacement for the ageing Peter Withe and it seemed almost a formality a deal would go through.

But, with the transfer deadline looming, Villa surprisingly withdrew their offer and Dave thought he was resigned to staying at the Baseball Ground.

He recalls: "I came in from training the Monday before the deadline and read in the local paper that the deal was off.

"Naturally I was disappointed because a move to a big club like Villa really appealed to me... but in the back of my mind I felt it would fall through because it had dragged on for so long.

"There wasn't much time to feel deflated, however, because within a matter of minutes the phone rang and I was talking to John Lyall.

"He said that West Ham and Derby had agreed terms and he wanted to talk to me about going to Upton Park.

"The thought of going back to London meant I had little hesitation in accepting the offer. I was sure it was the right move for me.

"It was a terrific opportunity, and more appealing than Villa simply because it brought me back to London."

Dave made his West Ham debut in April in the 1-1 draw at Norwich and a week later he

Dave Swindlehurst  
— "I can still score goals at the highest level."

scored his first goal for the club.

He hit the winner against high-riding Watford in front of his home fans. He says: "It was a great way to mark my home debut and it immediately put the supporters on my side.

"I found it quite difficult to adapt to First Division football after a few seasons in the Second and it made me realise how sharp a striker has to be.

"But I managed to score a couple of goals and was pleased with my performances, even though I was carrying a hamstring injury for the last few games."

Dave was bought as a replacement for striker Sandy Clark, who left the 'Hammers' to join Scottish club Rangers.

He says: "The boss said the team had lost their way up front a little since David Cross went to Manchester City last year.

"They bought Sandy Clark to take over the main striker's role, but it never really worked out. Hopefully I can do the job the manager demands."

Dave, who signed a three-year-contract with the 'Hammers', believes the club has a bright future. "It's a terrific set-up here and the manager seems to have built a stable squad.

"There are some great players here and it's marvellous to play alongside people like Alan Devonshire and Paul Goddard," adds Dave, who left London over three years ago when he became disillusioned with life at Crystal Palace.

At the time, he was in and out of the side and was going through one of the worst spells of his career.

He says: "I felt I needed a change and when Derby agreed to take me on loan for two months, I decided to give it a go.

"Although Derby were relegated to the Second Division that year, I agreed to stay on and I'm glad I did.

"The following season I struck up a good understanding with Alan Biley and I was really enjoying my football again. I was confident we could bounce back to the First Division but unfortunately it didn't work out that way.

"Last season we were struggling at the wrong end of the division and things only began to pick up after the arrival of Peter Taylor and Roy McFarland... I was delighted to see them avoid the drop.

"I know I can still score goals at the highest level and I hope to prove that at West Ham."



# THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN



ENGLAND striker Paul Mariner looks at his role as Ipswich captain at a time when the club is going through an important transitional period following the departure of several key players.

And he also provides us with his own personal insight into the players that he hopes can return the club to its former position among the country's elite near the top of the First Division.

I WANT to lift a trophy for Ipswich Town.

That's my burning ambition after being handed the honour of the club captaincy following Mick Mills' move to Southampton last season.

It must be the greatest feeling for a skipper in leading a team to a major domestic triumph and then raising the trophy above his head in the direction of the fans.

But my moment may be some way off with the club going through a transitional period following the transfer of several key men last season.

Even so, we still managed to finish ninth in the First Division which was a tremendous achievement when you consider we lost Mick Mills, Arnie Muhren and Alan Brazil, and had Frans Thijssen and Eric Gates out of action for most of the season.

Manager Bobby Ferguson has put his faith in youth and it will be something of a make or break time for the club.

That's why it's important for me to lead the team by example in the way that Mick Mills and Kevin Keegan did their respective jobs for Ipswich and England respectively.

Mick never did much talking on the field but he was always available for the ball and even when the chips were down, he always kept plugging away.

Kevin was also a tremendous leader,



A proud moment for Paul as he exchanges pennants with St Etienne skipper Christian Lopez before leading Ipswich through to The Semi-Finals of the UEFA Cup in 1981.

epitomising everything a good captain should be. He never stopped running for the side, encouraged everyone and when the bullets were flying he was always at the front.

I had never had any experience of captaincy until joining Ipswich, apart from skippering my school side in Horwich and the local district team.

I was vice-captain at Ipswich when Brian Talbot moved to Arsenal four years ago, but with Mick always playing, I didn't get much of a chance.

But I quickly discovered it was more than simply tossing up. You confer with the manager about certain aspects of the play, feed information through to the players and try to solve any problems before having to call in the manager.

I suppose acting as mediator between the players and the manager is perhaps the most important part of club captaincy.

At our level of football the players know what is required of them on a Saturday without me having to tell them on the pitch, although it's up to the senior men in the side to encourage and advise the youngsters.

Captaincy is almost like a group practise on the field with Russell Osman and Terry Butcher handling affairs at the back with myself and

John Wark supervising midfield and attack.

People have said that captaining the side last season made me a better player, although I'm not sure to what degree I improved.

It may be that my enthusiasm for the job and the eagerness to lead by example rubbed off on my game.

Although I wasn't conscious that my game had improved that much, I was voted 'Player of the Year' so I couldn't have had a bad time.

This is my Ipswich squad which I hope can get the club back towards the top of the First Division where we were stationed for so long.

**PAUL COOPER (goalkeeper)** — He's been around the Ipswich scene for ten



• Paul Cooper

# CAPTAIN

years. He's quick, reads the situations well and his distribution is second to none.

But he can be something of a Jekyll and Hyde character. I've seen him produce some fantastic performances, and then the next week strike a mediocre note.

If he had had someone to push him for his number one spot at Ipswich over the years, then I think he could have got close to international recognition.

**GEORGE BURLEY (right back)** — In my opinion he's one of the best full-backs in the country. His guts and determination shone through two seasons ago when he overcame a serious injury that would have finished most players. But he battled back to his own high standards and I felt he was unlucky not to be recalled by Scotland.

**IRVIN GERNON (left back)** — Got his chance last season when Steve McCall was switched to midfield, and initially turned in some very creditable performances. He had his lean spells, though, but when recalled he seemed to regain fresh impetus. He's going to face a testing season trying to establish himself.

**RUSSELL OSMAN and TERRY BUTCHER (central defenders)** — Two years ago it looked as though the Ipswich lads would develop into England's central defensive partnership, but it didn't quite work out that way.

When Russell came into the England team we let in a few goals and in some ways he was made a bit of a scapegoat. They have formed a tremendous understanding at the heart of our defence, but were probably not quite right at the time for the next



• Above: George Burley

• Right: Trevor Putney





• Russell Osman



• Terry Butcher



• Steve McCall

# MARINER'S CREW



• John Wark

step up.

Terry has made his mark on the international arena and is now a regular part of the England team. He's strong and powerful in both penalty boxes but he also has tremendous skill for a big man. He packs a fair punch in his left foot and he can drop a ball on a sixpence from most distances.

Russell is a tremendous competitor who enjoys the physical battles. He has two powerful feet, but sometimes tends to be overconfident in his distribution and, as a result, gets a little frustrated.

**TREVOR PUTNEY (midfield)** — Came into the side last season when Frans Thijssen was injured and produced some impressive performances. He's very quick and able to get behind defenders, but sometimes he's too fast for his own good. He needs to work on his accuracy and see things a little earlier.

**JOHN WARK (midfield)** — There's not a lot one can say

about a midfield player who can virtually guarantee you twenty goals a season. He works well in front of Russell and Terry in picking up the scraps and is always on the look-out for chances to feed off the likes of myself and Mich D'Avray. He's a handful for most teams and I know that Bryan Robson doesn't like playing against him.

**STEVE McCALL (midfield)** — I felt a little sorry for Steve last season when taking over Arnie Muhrén's place on the left side of midfield. On his own admission he'll never be another Arnie, but he's a necessary part of any team. He's a player in the same mould as Aston Villa's Des Bremer, a hard-working player whose skill is vastly underrated.

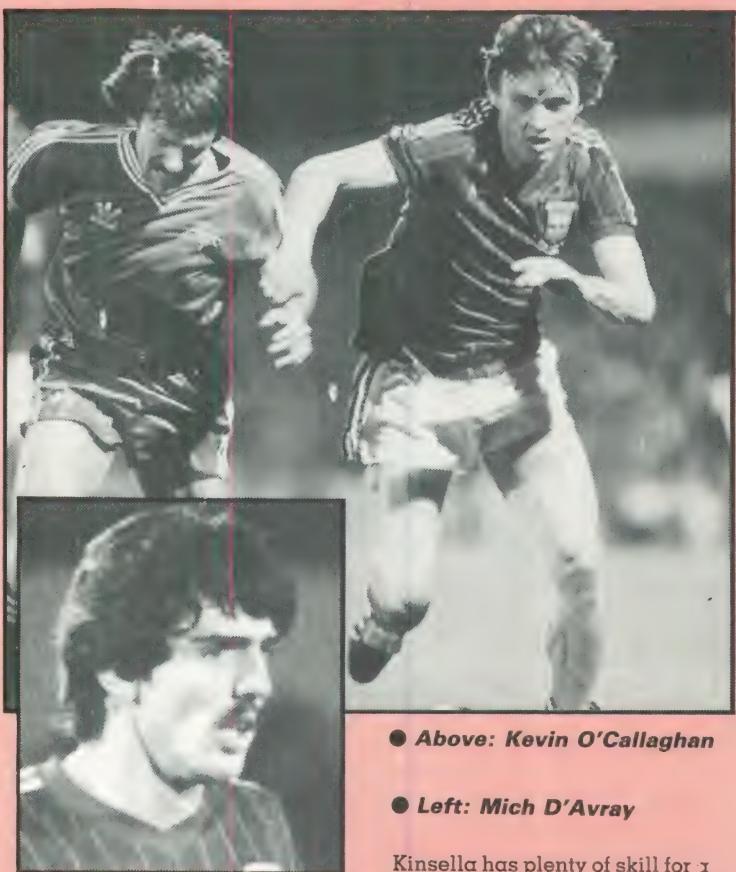
**ERIC GATES (striker)** — He was sorely missed last season when injuries kept him out of the side for the best part of five months. He's a little livewire just behind the front two and a difficult player to mark. He can pop up anywhere and can turn any player.

**MICH D'AVRAY (striker)** — With Alan Brazil at Tottenham, big Mich has the chance to establish himself in the first team. His power in the air takes a lot of pressure off me because I'm more than happy to allow him to be the target man.

It's a big season for him because he needs to show that he can score goals consistently in the First Division. He needs to sharpen up his skill level but I hope he can really make it.

• There are several other players in the squad who can do a good job.

We've signed a Dutchman in Cor Lens, a strong, aggressive midfield player who might take



• Above: Kevin O'Callaghan

• Left: Mich D'Avray

time to adjust to First Division life after playing in the Dutch Second Division.

He hasn't got the makings of a Thijssen or Muhrén, but he's not frightened of a battle.

Kevin Steggles can fit in anywhere along the back four and is a more than useful guy to have around, while Tony

Kinsella has plenty of skill for a midfield player although his frail frame may let him down.

Winger Kevin O'Callaghan is something of an enigma. Some days he can look brilliant, the next rather stupid, but towards the end of last season he began to turn in more consistent performances and we're hopeful of bigger things from the Eire international.

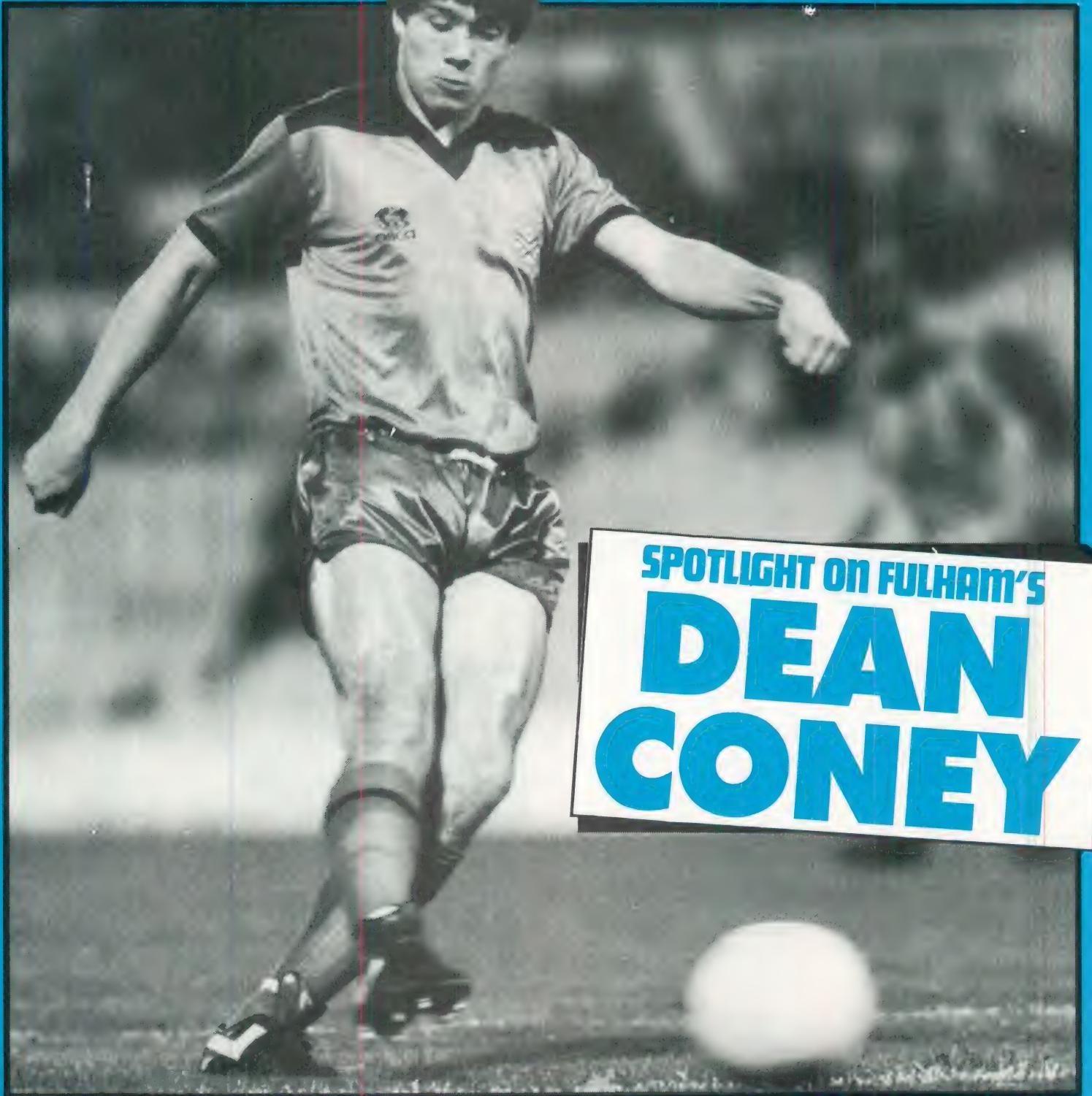
**FULL NAME:** Dean Coney.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Dagenham/September 18, 1963.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6ft/13st 2lbs.  
**MARRIED:** No.  
**CAR:** Capri.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** None.  
**NICKNAME AT CLUB:** 'Jixie' after the great Dixie Dean.  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** Badly-torn ligaments when I was an apprentice.  
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** West Brom's Cyrille Regis because he has great pace and is very strong.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Man. Utd.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Argentina's Diego Maradona — he has everything.  
**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Banks, Cohen, Moore, Butcher, Sansom (all England), Best (N. Ireland), Robson

(England), Brady (Ire), Keegan, Coppell, Greaves (England).  
**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Zoff (Italy), Kaltz (W. Germany), Krol (Holland), Beckenbauer, Breitner (W. Germany), Best, Maradona, Pelle, Jairzinho (Brazil), Muller (W. Germany), Eder (Brazil).  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** St James' Park, Newcastle.  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** Header against Oldham 1981-82.  
**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** By Cyrille Regis against Norwich which won 'Goal of the Season' 1981-82.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** There are many.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Against

Lincoln, 1981-82, when we had to either win or draw to gain promotion to Division Two — we drew.  
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** My League debut for Fulham against Newport, 1981.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Winning and being in good company.  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Losing and flash people.  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Benny Hill.  
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Emmerdale Farm.  
**FAVOURITE READING:** Sports magazines.  
**FAVOURITE POP STAR:** Olivia Newton John and Michael Jackson.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak.  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Lager and milk.  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Spain.  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway.  
**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** ET.  
**BEST FRIEND:** I have many.

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Fulham manager Malcolm Macdonald.  
**WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Being injured.  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** None.  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Scrambled eggs.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** None.  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To stay happy.  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To play for my country.  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** I'd like to stay in the game in some capacity.  
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Leroy Rosenior at Fulham.  
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Princess Diana and Michael Jackson.  
**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** Train hard and always listen to good advice from older professionals.

Dean Coney



## SPOTLIGHT ON FULHAM'S DEAN CONEY

# IAN WILSON'S

# WHEEL OF FORTUNE



● **FLASHBACK . . . FA Cup Semi-Final, Villa Park, April 1982 . . .** Leicester midfield star Ian Wilson sank to the ground in despair after scoring an own goal which ended his club's Cup dreams.

● **FLASHBACK . . . Craven Cottage, April 1983 . . .** Ian was in the news again — this time as a hero. He scored the only goal of the game against deadly promotion rivals Fulham to virtually secure Leicester's return to the First Division.

'Lady Luck', who had been so cruel that sunny afternoon in Birmingham, finally had a change of heart and smiled on her forgotten son.

Says Ian: "The Spurs game was a nightmare for me and I still cringe when I think of it, but last season and the goal against Fulham have really made up for it."

The Scotsman vividly remembers his Cup disaster and adds wryly: "I could have picked a better game to do it.

"The goal came out of the blue. I picked up a misplaced cross from Tony Galvin and attempted to lob the ball over Steve Archibald's head back to my keeper Mark Wallington. I caught it wrong and the ball flew into the back of the net.

## Desolate

First to rush over and console the desolate Ian was Spurs striker Garth Crooks: "He patted me on the back and told me not to worry — he said it could have happened to anyone."

Second Division Leicester were trailing 1-0 at the time and Ian says: "I don't think the goal made much difference to the end result. The game was going against us anyway."

Following that defeat, the brave cup fighters also fell out of the promotion race and the season ended in disappointment.

And last season looked as though it was going to end the same way. In February, the Filbert Street club seemed destined to spend another campaign in the Second Division.

Ian says: "We were about the 13th in the table with Wolves, QPR and Fulham well clear at the top."

But Gordon Milne's men suddenly hit form and produced a run of results which saw them roar into fourth place.

"It looked as though we had left it too late, but there was always the possibility that one of the top teams would crack and, thankfully for us, it worked out that way."

Promotion hinged on the last match of the season where Leicester had to beat relegation-doomed Bolton to make sure. A draw would only be good enough if Fulham lost their final game at Derby.

Nerves got the better of the Leicester side and they could only manage a 0-0 draw in a tense nail-biting affair, but news filtered through that Malcolm Macdonald's side had lost 1-0 at the Baseball Ground.

Immediately the home dressing room at Filbert Street was awash with bubbly, but the champagne celebration lasted less than 15 minutes. The season hadn't dealt its final card — there was more drama to come.

Ian remembers: "Someone came in and told us there had been a pitch invasion at Derby and the game had been abandoned.

"Then the conflicting stories came flooding in thick and fast. Someone even told us the

match had been restarted. We just didn't know what was going on. The dressing room was in a state of confusion.

"The champagne was put away because we couldn't be sure we were up. There was a possibility that the Derby-Fulham game might have to be replayed."

In the end, the Football League ruled that the result should stand — a decision which was disputed in the High Courts.

"I was always confident that the verdict would go our way, but it was very worrying. It put a damper on celebrations," added Ian.

"Fulham were clutching at straws by taking their decision to the courts. They threw away their chances of promotion in the last month."

Leicester last won promotion to the First Division in 1980 but went straight back down again the following season. Ian says: "That won't happen again."

"We're a better side now and much of the credit for that must go to the manager, Gordon Milne. We are more of a footballing side and we're more patient."

"In the old days, we used to panic if we didn't get an early goal. He's taught us patience and given a pattern to our play."

Midfield star Ian Wilson — Leicester's promotion hero.

Leicester's promotion run owed much to the exciting goalscoring exploits of young striker Gary Lineker. Ian says: "He was exceptional last season.

"Gary's finishing is unbelievable. If he could improve on his distribution slightly, he'd be an excellent player. I was very pleased to hear that he had signed a new two-year contract with the club.

Ian also singled out young Alan Smith for special praise. "He did very well to come from non-League football and score 14 goals in his first season. Everyone expected him to fade towards the end of the campaign but he never did."

Ian says: "We were about with home town club Aberdeen and was an apprentice at Pittodrie alongside current skipper Willie Miller, his Scottish international team-mate Alex McLeish and Doug Rougvie.

"The Dons' didn't offer him a contract so he joined Dundee when he was 18. His career at Dens Park lasted just nine months.

Ian says: "I was at college doing a business studies course and the arrangement didn't suit me or the club."

## Thrill

The next stop for the 25-year-old was Elgin in the Highland League, but it wasn't long before his performances were being noted by top clubs.

Jock Wallace was the first in with his cheque book and Ian had no second thoughts about moving south of the border and trying his luck in England.

"Signing for Leicester was a big thrill and I'll always be grateful to the club for the chance," says Ian, who has made over 130 League appearances for the club.

This season Ian hopes to help establish Leicester in the First Division and catch the eye of Scotland manager Jock Stein.

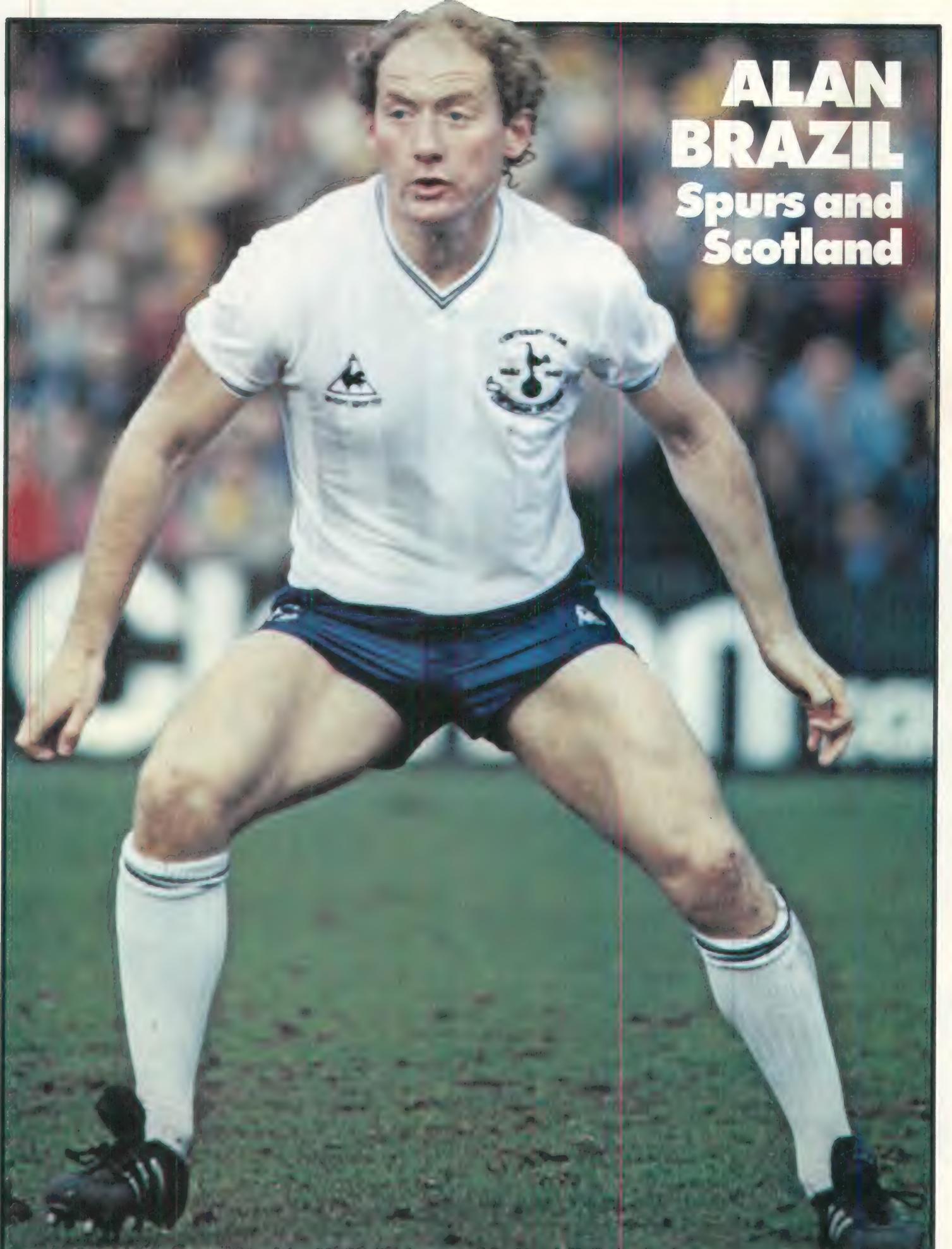
He says: "Looking for international recognition may sound ambitious but that's got to be the dream of every footballer. In the First Division, you get more exposure so it's up to me to prove I'm worth a chance."

But, he adds, tongue in cheek: "Perhaps my best chance would be if Jock Wallace was given the Scotland manager's job."

# JOEY JONES

## Chelsea and Wales



A dynamic black and white photograph of Alan Brazil, a professional footballer, captured in mid-action during a game. He is wearing a white V-neck shirt with a dark blue collar and a small emblem on the left chest, dark blue shorts, and white socks with dark blue stripes. He is leaning forward, looking intently towards the camera, with his right leg extended and his left arm raised in a follow-through or balance position. The background is blurred, showing other players and stadium lights.

**ALAN  
BRAZIL**  
**Spurs and**  
**Scotland**

■ CHESTERFIELD'S throw-ins last season were taken by Nigel THROWER, a midfield recruit on loan from Nottingham Forest. It will make many recall that former players with soccer-style surnames included Portsmouth outside right Fred FORWARD, Notts County striker Frank SHOOTER, Bristol Rovers wing half Ivor SCORER and Fulham inside forward Terry GOODGAME.

■ IT'S 13 years since Bradford Park Avenue were voted out of the Football League in favour of Cambridge United, and Wolves stalwart Kenny Hibbett is the only current League player who turned out for the now defunct club.

■ MANCHESTER United have had 44 internationals on their payroll in the past ten years. It works out like this: twelve English; twelve Scots; three Welsh; nine Northern Ireland; seven Eire and one Dutchman.

■ DON'T tell the likes of Halifax, Hull, Orient and Scunthorpe that the Milk Cup is a real money-spinner. Scunthorpe have

lost their last seven ties and all the other three, their last five. And what about Aldershot? They have lost all but one of their last dozen ties.

■ LIVERPOOL have transferred a team of full internationals in recent years. They include: Ray Clemence, Tommy Smith, Alec Lindsay, Emlyn Hughes, Larry Lloyd, Peter Cormack, Steve Heighway, Kevin Keegan, John Toshack, Ray Kennedy, David Johnson and Ian Callaghan.

■ NO other clubs have met each other so often in League combat since the First World War than Crewe and Hartlepool. Both were founder members of the Division Three (North) in 1921, and, apart from season 1963-64, when Crewe were in the Third Division, they've been in the same grade, meeting well over 100 times.

# Did you know?

■ BILLY Bonds (West Ham), Steve Spriggs (Cambridge), Cec Podd (Bradford), Colin Methven (Wigan) and Rod Arnold (Mansfield) are five of a kind. All set up new League appearance records for their clubs last season.

■ SECOND Division goals seem harder to come by in relation to the other three divisions. No Second Division striker has led the Football League scoring list since Roger Hunt (Liverpool) and Barrie Thomas (Newcastle) finished level in 1961-62, and no player in Division Two has reached thirty goals in a season since Martin Chivers for Tottenham in 1965-66.

■ AMONG current managers, Brian Clough (Nott'm Forest), Ron Saunders (Birmingham) and Allan Clarke (Scunthorpe) all scored more than 200 Football League goals, and all the following topped the 'ton': Alan Durban



Watford's Luther Blissett . . . set a new League scoring record for a black striker last season.

John Lyall, Martin Peters, Ron Tindall, Jimmy Bloomfield, Trevor Hartley and Bobby Gould.

■ WATFORD and England striker Luther Blissett has set up a new record in the Football League, by scoring more League goals last season than any other black player in the League's 95 years.

(Sunderland), John Toshack (Swansea), Malcolm Macdonald (Fulham), Frank Casper (Burnley), Jimmy Melia (Brighton), Joe Royle (Oldham), Colin Addison (Newport) and Jimmy Greenhoff (Rochdale).

■ IT'S approaching Centenary time for a lot of League clubs. Derby, Leicester and Chester all celebrate 100 years next year; Bury, Luton, Millwall, QPR and Southampton in 1985, Arsenal, Plymouth and Shrewsbury in 1986, and Barnsley, Blackpool, Ipswich and Man. City in 1987.

■ NO other club can match West Ham for turning out managers. Since the last war, all these have been in League management: Archie Macaulay, Malcolm Allison, Frank O'Farrell, Jimmy Andrews, John Bond, Ken Brown, Noel Cantwell, George Petchey, Dave Sexton, Malcolm Musgrave, Andy Nelson, Geoff Hurst,



Wolves Kenny Hibbett . . . the only current League player who played for the now defunct Bradford Park Avenue.



West Ham's Billy Bonds . . . set a new League appearance record for his club last season.

**SCOTTISH  
CALL-UP  
FOLLOWS  
EAMONN'S  
LEAGUE  
GLORY...**

# BANNON'S BONANZA!

**EAMONN BANNON**, a key figure in the Dundee United side that pipped giants Celtic and Aberdeen for the Scottish Premier Division title, admits: "I never thought we were capable of winning it."

United finished a point clear of the big two in a thrilling climax to the season. It was their first ever Premier Division title and they did it against all the odds.

"We achieved success with very poor away support. When we go to places like Parkhead, all we can expect is about 1,000 traveling fans," explained Eamonn, whose own performances in the drive for the title were rewarded by a place in the Scotland team for all three British Championship matches.

"But when Celtic come to us, they bring almost as many supporters as we attract Tannadice regulars. It takes away the advantage of being at home."

"We've done well to combat that and steer clear of bad injuries. If we had suffered problems there — especially up front — we could have struggled."

"We've only got three recognised strikers — Davie Dodds, Paul Sturrock and Ralph Milne. Injuries to a couple of them would have made things tricky."

"Our main strength is the fact that we work so well together as a team. Everyone gets on with each other. There are no cliques."

Eamonn believes that United's success in the League and Aberdeen's in the European Cup Winners' Cup has made people south of the border sit up and take notice of Scottish football.

He says: "A lot of people, especially the English, used to look down their noses at football up here. They regarded it as a 'Mickey Mouse' League."

"That's just not so. It's very competitive and I believe the likes of ourselves and Aberdeen proved it last season."

"There are some very good players up



Dundee United star Eamonn Bannon in action for Scotland against Sammy Lee of England after being recalled to international duty.

here and the fact that Scottish clubs are managing to hold on to most of their top names proves football north of the border is getting stronger.

"Three teams were in the title race to the very last game of the season up here. That never happens in England."

Eamonn has signed a five-year contract with Dundee United and he said: "I'm very happy at Tannadice Park so when the manager offered me a long-term deal, I had no hesitation in accepting."

"Now I hope I can help to repay their faith by winning a few more trophies for the club."

"It's going to be harder for us this season because so much more will be expected of us. The fans have got used to winning so they'll want more trophies coming to the club."

Another successful season for United will help strengthen Eamonn's claim for an extended run in the Scottish squad. His unexpected international recall in May followed a disastrous debut four years earlier when Eamonn admitted: "My world caved in."

The 25-year-old was picked for the Scotland game against Belgium at Hampden Park on December 19, 1979. The date is etched on his mind for all the wrong reasons.

"Obviously playing for your country is the highlight of anyone's career, but that game is an awful memory. I missed a couple of good chances and remember Belgians

running past me all night!"

Towards the end of the game, Eamonn was replaced by Celtic's Davie Provan and, when the squad was announced for the next game against Portugal, his name wasn't there.

"I didn't know whether I'd ever get another chance," added the winger.

But his performances for the Tannadice champions persuaded Scotland manager Jock Stein to put him on international stand-by for the British Championship games.

"I was told that if the Scottish Cup Final went to a replay, I would be in. As it didn't, I was expecting a quiet summer."

## Opportunity

However, injuries to Peter Weir and Jim Bett gave Eamonn a chance and he grabbed the opportunity with both hands.

"I'm very pleased with the way things have gone. Now I'm just concentrating on keeping my place in the Scotland squad."

The prospects of a return to the Scotland team had looked a million miles away at the beginning of last season. He said: "Although United were doing well, I wasn't happy with my form."

"I suffered a couple of niggling injuries and struggled to get fit. It took me a long time to reclaim my place in the team. It's amazing that everything worked out so well."



**Skipper Lech Kulwicki strains under the weight of Poland's FA Cup after Third Division side Lechia Gdansk had beaten Second Division team Piast Gliwice 2-1 in the Final. Lechia also won promotion to Division Two.**

## YOUR guide to the current European League and Cup winners.

### ALBANIA

**CHAMPIONS:** Vlaznia lifted the title for only the fourth time since the war, and their first since 1974, breaking the near monopoly of the Tirana-based teams Dinamo and Partizan.

**CUP:** At least Nendori had the consolation for losing their Championship by winning the Cup, beating Flamurtrie 1-0.

### AUSTRIA

**CHAMPIONS:** Rapid Vienna retained the Championship, winning it for the 27th time — the best record in the country.

**CUP:** Rapid completed the League and Cup 'double' for the first time since 1968 by slamming Admira Wacker 8-0 on aggregate in the Final.

### BELGIUM

**CHAMPIONS:** Standard Liege collected the title for the second successive year, pipping Anderlecht by just one point.

**CUP:** Beveren lifted the Cup for only the second time since the war after beating Bruges 3-1 in the Final. Beveren last won the trophy in 1978.

1977.  
**CUP:** Odense also won the Cup, beating Nykoebing 3-0 in the Final.

### ENGLAND

**CHAMPIONS:** Liverpool retained the title to record their sixth Championship success in nine years under manager Bob Paisley.

**CUP:** Manchester United won the Cup for the second time in six years defeating relegated Brighton 4-0 in a replay after a 2-2 draw.

### FINLAND

**CHAMPIONS:** Kuusysi went into the European Cup as Finnish champions for the first time.

**CUP:** Valkeakosken Haka took possession of the Cup for the second time in five years and the seventh time since 1955.

### FRANCE

**CHAMPIONS:** Nantes were comfortable winners of the French title for the fourth time in ten years. It was their sixth Championship success since 1933.

**CUP:** Paris St Germain retained the Cup by beating Nantes 3-2 in the Final, so denying the champions the 'double'.

### EAST GERMANY

**CHAMPIONS:** Dynamo Berlin are making a habit of winning the title. They made it five

# THE KINGS

All smiles from Georgi Dimitrov after leading CSKA Sofia to the 'double' with their 4-0 defeat of Spartak Varna in the Bulgarian FA Cup Final.

### BULGARIA

**CHAMPIONS:** CSKA Sofia maintained their dominance in Bulgaria by winning the Championship for the fourth successive season. CSKA have now won the title 23 times, with eight of them coming since 1971.

**CUP:** CSKA Sofia completed the 'double' by winning the Cup for the first time since 1974 when they chalked up a hat-trick of successes. They defeated Spartak Varna 4-0 in the Final.

### CYPRUS

**CHAMPIONS:** Nicosia-based Omonia completed a hat-trick of Championship victories, and, apart from Apoel's success in 1980, have won the title since 1974.

**CUP:** Omonia completed the double for the third successive year, beating Paralimni 2-1 in the Final.

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**CHAMPIONS:** Bohemians carved themselves a slice of history by winning the Championship for the first time after finishing third the previous season.

**CUP:** Deposed League champions Dukla Prague lifted the Cup for the second time in three years by defeating holders Slovan Bratislava 2-1 in the Final.

### DENMARK

**CHAMPIONS:** Odense BK won the Championship for only the second time in their history, the first occasion being back in

Championships on the trot.

**CUP:** FC Magdeburg collected their fourth Cup success since 1949 by defeating Karl-Marx-Stadt 4-0 in the Final.

### WEST GERMANY

**CHAMPIONS:** Hamburg retained the championship, but by the narrowest of margins, with only goal average separating them from Werder Bremen.

**CUP:** Cologne regained the Cup for the first time since they did the 'double' in 1977, by defeating Fortuna Dusseldorf 1-0 in the final. Fortuna had won the Cup twice since Cologne's last success.

### GREECE

**CHAMPIONS:** It was same again in Greece with Olympiakos winning the Championship for the fourth successive year, finishing well clear of Larissa. It was Olympiakos' 24th title win since 1928.

**CUP:** AEK won the Cup for the first time since completing the 'double' in 1978 by beating POAK Salonika 2-0 in the decider. It was AEK's ninth trophy success since 1932.

### HUNGARY

**CHAMPIONS:** Raba Györ, formerly known as Vasas Györ, retained the title, finishing just one point ahead of Ferencvaros.

**CUP:** Ujpest Dozsa kept possession of the Cup by defeating Honved 3-2 in the Final.

### ICELAND

**CHAMPIONS:** Vikingur retained the title,



winning it for only the fourth time since 1912.

CUP: IA Akranes are the new Cup holders — winning it for the first time since 1978.

## N. IRELAND

CHAMPIONS: Linfield earned a passport into the European Cup by winning the title for the fifth time in the past six years.

CUP: Linfield were denied the 'double' by Glentoran who defeated them 2-1 in the Final following a 1-1 draw.

## REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

CHAMPIONS: Athlone Town regained the crown they lost to Dundalk the previous season. It was only their second Championship success since 1922.

CUP: Sligo Rovers earned their first major Eire title since winning the championship in 1977, by lifting the Cup for the first time, beating Bohemians 2-1.

## ITALY

CHAMPIONS: Juventus' hopes of completing a hat-trick of titles were dented by AS Roma who won the Championship for only the second time in their history.

CUP: The deposed champions, Juventus, made amends by winning the Cup for the first time since 1979, defeating Verona 3-2 on aggregate after losing the first leg 0-2.

# OF EUROPE

## LUXEMBOURG

CHAMPIONS: Jeunesse Esch are back on top of their country's football after a lean spell by their standards. It was their seventh title since 1973 and their 18th in all since 1910.

CUP: Avenir Beggen, having seen their title go, grabbed, the Cup for the first time by defeating Union 4-2.

## MALTA

CHAMPIONS: Hamrun, who finished third from bottom the previous season, caused a surprise by winning the title for the first time since 1947.

CUP: Hamrun made it a season to remember by completing the 'double' with a 2-0 defeat of Valletta in the Cup Final.

## NETHERLANDS

CHAMPIONS: Ajax Amsterdam made it four Championships in five years, leaving Feyenoord behind in second place. It was Ajax's 21st title success since 1898.

CUP: Ajax completed the 'double' for the first time since 1979 and the third time since 1970 by defeating NEC Nijmegen 6-2 in the two-legged Final.

## NORWAY

CHAMPIONS: Viking Stavanger, runners-up the previous season, took the title away from Valerenga to chalk up their seventh success since 1938.

CUP: Bergen-based Brann won the Cup for the first time since 1976 and only the fifth time since 1902.

## POLAND

CHAMPIONS: Widzew Lodz's two-year reign as champions was ended by Lech Poznan who won it for the first time under their present name.

CUP: Lechia Gdansk, a Third Division side, won the trophy for the first time, beating Second Division team, Piast Gliwice 2-1 in the Final.

## PORTUGAL

CHAMPIONS: Benfica climbed their way back to the top to depose reigning champions Sporting Lisbon. It was Benfica's 25th Championship victory since 1935.

CUP: Benfica's bid for the 'double' was delayed following a row over the venue with Oporto. The game was left over until the new season.

## RUMANIA

CHAMPIONS: Dynamo Bucharest retained the title to collect their 11th Championship since 1910.

CUP: Univ Craiova won the Cup for the fourth time in seven years, beating Poli Timisoara 2-1 in the Final, but because of an oversight by their football authorities they weren't entered for the Cup Winners' Cup.

## SCOTLAND

CHAMPIONS: Dundee United won the Championship for the first time in their

history by finishing ahead of defending champions Celtic.

CUP: Aberdeen retained the Cup by defeating Rangers in the Final for the second successive year.

## SPAIN

CHAMPIONS: Athletic Bilbao ended Real Sociedad's bid for a hat-trick of Championships, winning it for the first time since 1956 from Real Madrid.

CUP: Barcelona collected their 20th Cup win since 1902 by defeating the holders, Real Madrid, 2-1 in the Final. It was Barcelona's second Cup triumph in three seasons.

## SWEDEN

CHAMPIONS: Gothenburg won the title for the first time since 1969.

CUP: Gothenburg retained the Cup by defeating Hammarby 4-3 on aggregate in the Final.

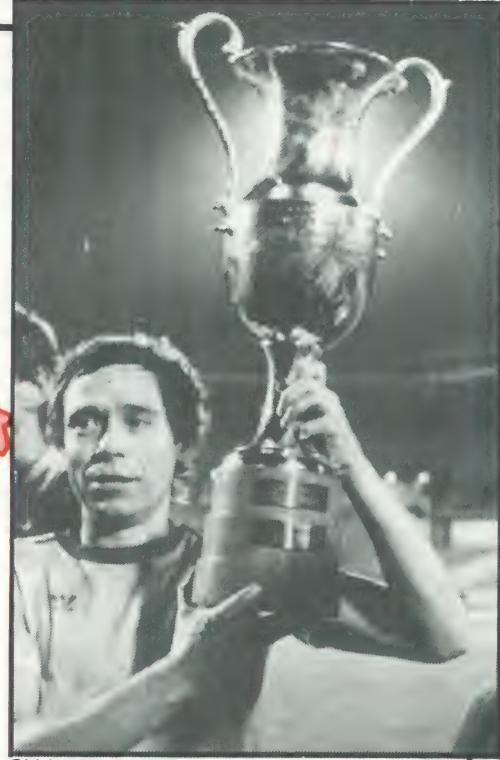
## SWITZERLAND

CHAMPIONS: Grasshoppers retained the Championship by just one point from Servette who were runners-up for the second year running.

CUP: Grasshoppers completed the 'double' for the first time since 1956 by defeating Servette 3-0 after a 2-2 in the first meeting.

## TURKEY

CHAMPIONS: Fenerbahce, Turkey's most successful side, snatched their first title win since 1978. It was their ninth Championship since 1960.



Oldrich Rott, 32-year-old skipper of Dukla Prague, holds aloft the Czechoslovakian FA Cup after his side's 2-1 win over Slovan Bratislava in Prague.

CUP: Fenerbahce completed the 'double' for the first time since 1974 by beating relegated Mersin 4-1 on aggregate in the Final.

## USSR

CHAMPIONS: Dynamo Minsk are the new champions of the USSR, ending Dynamo Kiev's hopes of a hat-trick of title successes.

CUP: Donets Shaktyor won the trophy for the second time in three seasons, beating Metalist 1-0.

## WALES

CUP: Swansea retained the Welsh Cup, winning it for the fifth time by beating Wrexham in the Final.

## YUGOSLAVIA

CHAMPIONS: Partizan Belgrade won the title for the first time since 1978 after finishing sixth the previous season. It was their ninth Championship since 1923.

CUP: Deposed champions Dynamo Zagreb had the consolation of winning the Cup, beating Sarajevo 3-2 in the Final.

● WHO'LL be the English and Scottish League and Cup winners next season? Match Weekly's special panel gives their verdicts on Pages 124 and 125.

**TWO** years ago Brighton full-back Graham Pearce would have rated his chances of flying in the Papal helicopter to play in two FA Cup Finals about as likely as having a personal audience with the Pontiff himself.

Less than two seasons ago those famous twin towers must have seemed a million miles away. Graham was working as a printer and playing part-time for non-League Barnet after being rejected by Queens Park Rangers and Brentford.

He says: "I had never given up hope of breaking into the big-time, but time was running out for me."



**Jimmy Case** — marked out of Brighton's Cup-tie against Barnet by Graham Pearce.

That was until little Barnet pulled a pearl of a draw in the FA Cup Third Round. They were paired with First Division Brighton in a David and Goliath clash that captured the imagination of millions.

'Match of the Day' cameras and a full house watched in amazement as the so-called no-hoppers pulled off a sensational 0-0 draw. They also saw a right-back called Pearce snuff out the danger of former Liverpool ace 'Blockbuster' Jimmy Case.

Remembers Graham: "It was a tremendous thrill to play against Brighton, but the game should never have gone ahead. Conditions were unbelievable. The pitch was like a quagmire.

"I don't think the club could afford not to let the match go ahead because the television people were there.

"Conditions favoured us and restricted them. There was even the thought in the



**Manchester United's Alan Davies squeezes the ball past Graham Pearce during last season's FA Cup Final. Two years ago the prospect of playing at Wembley seemed a million miles away for the Brighton star.**

# Graham's flight to glory

back of our minds that it could be our day," adds Graham.

But Brighton managed to hold on and took the London side back to The Goldstone Ground where they ran out 3-1 winners, thanks to goals from Mike Thomas, Jimmy Case and Neil McNab.

"The game at Brighton was my first real taste of the big

time. I had never played in front of so many people before."

"At half-time we went in at 0-0, despite being under pressure for most of the 45 minutes. We only buckled after a mistake let in Mike Thomas for the first goal."

The Barnet players headed home to the capital with memories of two great cup

performances, but Brighton manager Mike Bailey couldn't get the young full-back Pearce out of his mind.

"A few weeks later Barnet manager Barry Fry rang me at work and told me Brighton were interested. At first I couldn't believe it."

Graham's first attempt to meet Mike Bailey was thwarted by the weather. He says: "Even though we were very busy at work my boss gave me the day off. In the end I couldn't go because the whole country was covered in snow."

When the 22-year-old eventually got to meet 'The Seagulls' boss he kept the former Wolves skipper waiting for an answer.

Graham explains: "Although I was ambitious to become a professional I wasn't going to be rushed. After all, I had a very good job and was being paid to play part-time."

The youngster finally signed for £20,000 and he says: "It was a risk but I'd always dreamt of becoming a professional."

"I knew that I wouldn't walk into the first team and it took me nearly the rest of the season to get used to training every day."

Last season was his first full one in the League and he was in and out of the side as he alternated with former Arsenal and Northern Ireland star Sammy Nelson.

He wasn't a regular in Brighton's sensational Cup run and got his place in the Semi-Final and Final only because of injuries.

In the game against Second Division Sheffield Wednesday at Highbury he replaced Chris Ramsey, while he stood in for skipper Steve Foster at Wembley.

"I felt very sorry for the lads but when all said and done it was their own faults. They got themselves booked and sent off."

In the week leading up to the Final Steve Foster battled in the High Courts for the chance to play in the Final. Graham knew that if his appeal was successful he'd be the man to step down.

"That was a terrible time for me. I just didn't know whether I'd be playing or not. It put so much extra pressure on me."

The judges gave England defender Steve the thumbs down and Graham says: "Playing at Wembley was the highlight of my career. The atmosphere and occasion was fantastic."

Graham kept his place for the replay because of injury to Chris Ramsey and he says: "Even though we lost I still enjoyed the whole thing."

"My only worry was that after going in 3-0 down at half-time United would over-run us and win by six or seven nil. Fortunately we managed to hold out."

**SHEFFIELD** United striker Alan Young is determined to make up for his first season at Bramall Lane. "It was terrible," he says.

"Day one at the club was a total disaster for me and things didn't really get much better," says the Scot who moved north to the Third Division club from Leicester for £200,000 on the opening day of last season.

He was desperate to make a good impression on his first day but fate dictated otherwise. He says: "I was really looking forward to my first training session with my new team-mates but in the end I was glad to get it over with."

Alan's day started badly when the fan belt on his car broke as he was driving up the motorway to Sheffield. "I had to telephone a friend who brought me a replacement car.

"But the vehicle was very small and didn't suit someone as tall as me. I spent the journey with my legs up around my ears.

"When I arrived at the training ground I realised I'd left my kit in the boot of the stranded car and had to borrow a pair of manager Ian Porterfield's boots. I finished with blisters all over my heels!

"On top of that, we had to wait until the afternoon for ball practice because one of the apprentices had locked Mr Porterfield's car keys in his car and we couldn't get the footballs and training cones out of it."

Alan wasn't even able to go out and get some lunch . . . "I didn't have any money because my wallet was in the car along with my kit."

## • Day one at the club was a total disaster,

Although Alan's luck did change for his debut against Hull — he scored twice — he still struggled in his first season with the Sheffield club. He made just 24 League appearances and scored seven goals.

He says: "It was a frustrating time for myself and the team. I was battered to death with injuries. It was just one thing after another," adds Alan, whose problems included a dislocated shoulder, pulled hamstring and two separate ankle injuries.

"It did get to me at one stage before I pulled myself together and decided there was no point going around with a long face and feeling sorry for myself."

Alan also admits that he found it difficult to adjust to the Third Division and adds: "After playing all my career in the First and Second Divisions this was completely new to me.

"At this level players hit you hard — they go right through you. It's not as physical at the top because you are up against better players."

Ian Porterfield's team were hotly-tipped to march straight through the Third Division after lifting the Fourth Division title the year before. It just didn't happen and 'The Blades' finished a disappointing 11th.

"I was disappointed by our performances because I firmly believed that the club were capable of taking the title. That's why I joined them.

"I wanted to win another medal. I won the Second Division with Leicester and there's no better feeling in the world."

Alan surprised many people when he dropped down to join United, but he explains: "I wouldn't have joined any other Third Division club. Sheffield United are a big-time set up and enjoy incredible support."

But he's also realistic enough to counter: "It's all very well talking about the vast potential at United but the fact is we are still in the Third Division. It's up to the players to change that."



*Sheffield United's Alan Young (left) in action against David Burke of Huddersfield last season.*

# ALAN THE TERRIBLE YOUNG STEELS HIMSELF FOR SUCCESS AT SHEFFIELD

"There's no doubt we have the facilities to compete with the best but we've got to earn the right!"

Ironically, while the Yorkshire club were struggling to make an impact last season, Alan's old club came in with an amazing late burst to clinch promotion to the First Division.

But he doesn't regret making the move and says: "I was pleased to see Leicester go up but I still feel I made the right decision.

"At the time, I felt the potential at the club was being milked and new manager Gordon Milne was more interested in balancing the books than producing a good side."

"The final straw was when Jock Wallace

went to manage Motherwell. I was very disappointed to see him go," adds Alan, who joined the Midlands club from Oldham for £200,000 in July 1979.

"I learned a lot under Jock — the sort of good habits you never forget. He likes his players to eat, sleep and live well."

"Training was very hard. It was 100 percent all the time. His philosophy was that if you worked hard in midweek it would be reflected on Saturday afternoon."

"That's why everyone wanted to win every sprint, five-a-side game and be the best at circuit training. He instilled a competitive spirit."



# GARY ROWELL

SUNDERLAND



**JIMMY  
CASE**  
**Brighton**

# CRUNCH!

FOOTBALL can be hard and physical as well as exhilarating and skilful. And when it comes to the crunch, our footballers have never been ones to shirk a challenge or accept punishment.

**RIGHT:** Terry, that's no way to treat your England team-mate! But when you are out of England's colours and in opposing corners, it's soccer war as far as Ipswich's Terry Butcher is concerned as he clashes with Liverpool's Phil Neal.

**BELOW LEFT:** Southampton's Mick Mills looks as though he's auditioning for 'Fame' though Nottingham Forest striker Ian Wallace might argue that Mick's flying feet were just a little too close for comfort.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Noel Blake, Birmingham's muscle-bound defender, is certainly not exchanging pleasantries on this occasion with Watford striker Ross Jenkins. Ross has that look of innocence, but Noel's wagging finger offers a 'watch your step' warning.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Flying Dutchman Toine van Mierlo was brought crashing down to earth in painful manner while in action for Birmingham. He's now in Belgium and, after this crack across the shins, he probably wished he was elsewhere at the time.



## AUGUST

- Liverpool win the Charity Shield at Wembley with a goal by Ian Rush enough to beat Tottenham.
- Trevor Francis leaves Manchester City for Italian club Sampdoria in his third £1 million transfer.
- Kevin Keegan scores the winner on his League debut for Newcastle, and there are also debut-day goals for David Cross (Manchester City), Gary Mabbutt (Tottenham) George Berry (Stoke).

## SEPTEMBER

- Swansea crush Maltese side Sliema 12-0 in the European Cup Winners' Cup, and Aston Villa open their defence of the European Cup with a 3-1 home leg victory over Turkish champions Besiktas, behind closed doors at Villa Park.
- All four of England's representatives in the UEFA Cup crash at the first hurdle. Ipswich go down to Roma despite winning second leg 3-1; Arsenal are slammed 5-2 at home by Moscow Spartak; Southampton are held twice by Swedish part-timers Norrkoping and go out on the away goals rule and Manchester United lose to Valencia after winning first leg 1-0 at Old Trafford.
- Celtic put out former European Cup holders Ajax, and there are also First Round victories for the other Scottish clubs in Europe, Aberdeen, Dundee United and Rangers.
- Luther Blissett scores four times as First Division new boys Watford slam Sunderland 8-0.
- England axe stalwarts Mick Mills, Kevin Keegan and Terry McDermott and are held to a 2-2 draw in Denmark in their opening European Championship match. Trevor Francis scores both goals, but the Danes snatch a last minute equaliser.
- A goal from Ian Rush gives Wales a flying start against Norway in their first European Championship game, but Eire go down 2-1 in Holland.
- Two goals from Gary Owen gives England Under 21s a 2-1 first leg lead against West Germany in the UEFA under-21 Final left over from the previous season, while on the same night another England Under-21 side open the next competition with a 4-1 win in Denmark, two of the goals coming from Gary Mabbutt.



# TRIUMPHS

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# TRAGEDIES

HERE'S a chance to recall some of the triumphs and tragedies of last season with a month-by-month review of the international, European and domestic scene.



Another Charity Shield in the bag as Liverpool players Alan Hansen (left) and skipper Graeme Souness parade the spoils of victory after their win over Tottenham at Wembley which provide the springboard for another successful campaign at Anfield.

Left: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge — a two-goal demolition job on England at Wembley.

## OCTOBER

- England win the UEFA Under-21 title for the first time, despite a 3-2 second leg defeat in Germany. Mike Duxbury and Paul Goddard score to earn England a 5-4 aggregate victory.
- England are beaten 2-1 at Wembley by West Germany in a friendly. Substitute Tony Woodcock scores in the last minute following two goals from Karl-Heinz Rummenigge in a game that saw the recall of Dave Armstrong and a first cap for Luther Blissett as substitute.
- Scotland begin their European

Championship campaign with a 2-0 home win over East Germany, John Wark and substitute Paul Sturrock scoring, and Eire win by the same score at home to Iceland through Tony Grealish and Frank Stapleton. However, World Cup heroes Northern Ireland go down 2-0 in Austria.

- Liverpool suffer a shock 1-0 defeat in Finland against part-timers JK Helsinki in the European Cup, but Aston Villa win in Rumania with Gary Shaw scoring both goals.

- Steve Archibald scores as Tottenham are held to a 1-1 draw at home by Bayern Munich in the Cup Winners' Cup. There are good first leg wins for Aberdeen, Dundee United and Rangers, but Swansea lose at home to Paris St Germain.

# NOVEMBER

- Liverpool extract revenge from Helsinki in the European Cup by winning the second leg 5-0 with full-back Alan Kennedy scoring two of the goals. Gary Shaw scores a hat-trick in Aston Villa's 4-2 defeat of Dynamo Bucharest, but Celtic go out to Spanish champions Real Sociedad despite winning the home leg 2-1, Murdo MacLeod getting both goals.
- Aberdeen are the only survivors in the Cup Winners' Cup. Tottenham crash 4-1 to Bayern Munich and Swansea go down 2-0 in Paris to St Germain but Aberdeen, thanks to a Doug Bell goal, win 1-0 in Poland to go through 3-0 on aggregate against Lech Poznan.
- In the UEFA Cup, Rangers crash 5-0 in Cologne, but Dundee United are left to carry the British flag despite being held to a goalless home draw by Norway's Viking Stavanger.
- In the Milk Cup, Manchester United are held to a goalless draw at Bradford before winning through to the Fourth Round, and Nottingham Forest put seven past Watford.
- It's an Auld Firm Final in the Scottish League Cup. A late goal from Charlie Nicholas earns Celtic a 3-2 aggregate win over Dundee United, while Rangers complete a 4-1 win over First Division Hearts.
- Ian Rush scores four times as Liverpool put it across Everton 5-0 at Goodison Park.
- Liverpool's Sammy Lee and Tottenham's Gary Mabbutt make their England debuts in the 3-0 European Championship victory in Greece. Tony Woodcock scores twice and Lee marks his first appearance with a goal.



Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller celebrates his team's 2-1 European Cup Winners' Cup Final victory over Real Madrid . . . the club's first success in Europe.

# TRIUMPHS

- Northern Ireland cause another major upset with Ian Stewart's 18th minute goal toppling West Germany in Belfast, but Scotland's hopes are dented by a 2-0 defeat in Switzerland.
- Frank Stapleton scores two late goals to earn Eire a 3-3 draw at home to Spain.
- England Under-21's are beaten 1-0 in Greece, but Scotland's youngsters win 4-3 in Switzerland.
- Third Division Brentford create a Milk Cup surprise by winning at Swansea, and in the First Round of the FA Cup there are victories for non-League clubs Altrincham, Boston United, North Shields, Bishop's Stortford, Slough, Northwich and Telford over League opposition.
- In the Third Round of the UEFA Cup, Dundee United earn a 2-1 first leg lead over Werder Bremen thanks to a late goal by Scotland defender David Narey.

- Burnley cause a surprise in the Milk Cup by winning 4-1 at Tottenham in the Quarter-Finals, with Graham Roberts conceding two own-goals. Billy Hamilton scored the other two.

# FEBRUARY

- Liverpool reach their third successive League/Milk Cup Final despite losing 1-0 at Burnley in the Semi-Final, Second Leg. Derek Scott got the goal but Liverpool had enough in hand from the First Leg at Anfield when they won 3-0.
- Manchester United win 4-2 at Arsenal, Steve Coppell scoring two, and then take the home leg 2-1 to reach the Milk Cup Final.
- Tottenham's hopes of winning the FA Cup for the third successive year are ended with a 2-0 Fifth Round defeat at Everton, and Cup favourites Liverpool are beaten 2-1 at Home in a Sunday tie by Brighton with former Anfield player Jimmy Case hitting the winner.
- England begin the defence of the British Championship with a 2-1 Wembley victory over Wales, Phil Neal hitting the winner from the penalty spot eleven minutes from the end.

# DECEMBER

- Aston Villa are beaten 2-0 in Japan by Uruguayan side Penarol in the World Club Championship.
- Dundee United reach the Quarter-Finals of the UEFA Cup for the second successive year by drawing 1-1 against Werder Bremen in Germany, Paul Hegarty scoring after just three minutes.
- In the Second Round of the FA Cup, non-League Weymouth come from two goals down to win 3-2 at Cardiff.
- Luther Blissett gets a hat-trick as England slam Luxembourg 9-0 in the European Championship, and substitute Mark Chamberlain marks his debut with a goal.
- Scotland go down 3-2 in Belgium despite two brilliant goals by Kenny Dalglish, and both Wales and Northern Ireland drop points. Wales get a 4-4 draw in Yugoslavia after twice being two goals down, while the Irish are held to a goalless draw in Albania.
- In the Under-21 Championship, Scotland win 2-1 in Belgium, but Wales lose 2-0 in Yugoslavia.
- Third Division Lincoln hammer Bournemouth 9-0 — the highest score of the season.
- Celtic win the Scottish League Cup for the first time since 1975, beating Rangers 2-1 with goals from Charlie Nicholas and Murdo MacLeod.

# MARCH

- Jimmy Case is Brighton's FA Cup hero again with the winner against Norwich to put the club in the Semi-Finals for the first time.
- Gary Shelton and Andy McCulloch share four goals as Sheffield Wednesday put five past Burnley to reach the FA Cup Semi-Finals.
- Aston Villa and Liverpool both go out of the European Cup. Villa lose 5-2 on aggregate to Italian aces Juventus after losing the home leg 2-1, and Liverpool, despite beating Poland's Widzew Lodz 3-2 at Anfield, go down 4-3 on aggregate.
- Dundee United are beaten 1-0 on aggregate by Czech side Bohemians in the UEFA Cup Quarter-Finals after drawing 0-0 at Tannadice in the Second Leg, but Aberdeen reach the Cup Winners' Semi-Finals after toppling Bayern Munich 3-2 on aggregate, John Hewitt and Alex McLeish scoring late goals in the 3-2 win at Pittodrie.
- Liverpool retain the League/Milk Cup for a second time coming from behind to defeat Manchester United 2-1 in extra time with Ronnie Whelan getting the winner.
- England drop a vital home point to Greece in a goalless draw in the European Championship, and Scotland's hopes fade after a 2-2 draw against Switzerland, debut boy Charlie Nicholas scoring the equaliser.

# JANUARY

- In the FA Cup Third Round, Bishop's Stortford draw at Middlesbrough but go down 2-1 in the replay, and Derby topped neighbours Nottingham Forest 2-0 with ex-Forest star Archie Gemmill scoring the first goal.
- Aston Villa win the European Super Cup with a 3-1 aggregate win over Barcelona, two of the goals coming in extra time. Villa lost the first leg 1-0 in Spain.

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Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey is grasping thin air as Ronnie Whelan (out of picture) curls home Liverpool's match winner which enabled the Champions to complete a hat-trick of League/Milk Cup triumphs at Wembley.

- Frank Stapleton gets a last minute winner for Eire in Malta, and Northern Ireland defeat Turkey 2-1 thanks to goals by Martin O'Neill and John McClelland.
- In the UEFA Under-21 Championship, England defeat Greece 2-1, while Aberdeen's Eric Black scores both Scotland's goals in their 2-1 defeat of Switzerland.

## APRIL

- Aberdeen reach their first-ever European Final when they defeat Belgian side Waterschei 5-2 on aggregate, the damage being done in the First Leg at Pittodrie when Mark McGhee scored twice in a 5-1 win.
- Liverpool clinch their 14th First Division Championship on the day they lose at home to Norwich, because nearest challengers Manchester United drop a point.
- Manchester United are back at Wembley for the second time this season after coming from behind against Arsenal to reach the FA Cup Final, young Norman Whiteside hitting the winner.
- Brighton reach their first ever FA Cup Final with Michael Robinson getting the second half winner against Sheffield Wednesday.
- A goal from recent signing Sandy Clark puts Rangers through to their eighth successive Scottish FA Cup Final at the expense of St Mirren.
- Holders Aberdeen make it a repeat of the previous year's final with Peter Weir scoring the winner against Celtic.
- England's European Championship hopes rise again following a 2-0 home win over Hungary, Peter Withe and Trevor Francis scoring the goals.



A look of dejection is written all over the faces of Manchester City manager John Benson (left) and assistant Tony Book as they watch their side slip into the Second Division following Luton's late winner at Maine Road in the last game of the season.

- Substitute Jeremy Charles scores Wales' winner against Bulgaria to put them clear at the top of their group, and an Ian Stewart goal earns Northern Ireland a victory over Albania.
- Eire's hopes are hit by a 2-0 defeat in Spain and Scotland's bid for France ends with Belgium's win over East Germany.
- In the Under-21 Championship, a Paul Walsh goal earns England a win over Hungary, but Wales go down 1-0 to Bulgaria.

## MAY

- Aberdeen win the European Cup Winners' Cup with a 2-1 victory over Real Madrid with substitute John Hewitt heading the winner in extra time, and then retain the Scottish Cup with a 1-0 extra time winner from Eric Black against Rangers who were competing in a record eighth successive Final.
- There was last day drama in both Scotland and England. Manchester City were relegated from Division One when Luton substitute Raddy Antic saved their bacon with a goal four minutes from time, while Leicester pipped Fulham for the third promotion place in Division Two behind QPR and Wolves.
- Up in Scotland, Dundee United clinched their first-ever Championship by winning at Dundee to pip defending champions Celtic by one point.
- Manchester United claimed the FA Cup for the second time in six years with a 4-0 replay victory over relegated Brighton. Bryan Robson scored twice in the replay as United chalked up the biggest winning margin in a Cup Final for eighty years.

**FULL NAME:** Kevin Sheedy.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Builth Wells/October 21, 1959.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5ft 10ins./11st. 5lb.  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Debbie.  
**CHILDREN:** None.  
**CAR:** Cortina 2.3.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Hereford and Liverpool.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** None.  
**NICKNAME AT CLUB:** 'Sheeds'.  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** Back trouble nearly four years ago.  
**FAVOURITE EVER FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** Bobby Charlton — he was a spectacular goal-scorer.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Hereford.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Diego Maradona of Argentina — he's totally unpredictable.  
**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** England's 1966 World Cup winning team. Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Stiles, Charlton J, Moore, Ball, Hurst, Hunt, Charlton R, Peters.  
**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning side. Felix, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Gerson, Clodoaldo, Jairzinho, Pele, Tostao, Rivelino.

**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Anywhere you win.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Bruges, Belgium.  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** My first for Everton last season against Spurs.  
**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** Terry McDermott's header for Liverpool in their 7-0 win over Spurs, 1980.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** All of them.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Debuts for both Liverpool and Everton.  
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Signing for Everton.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** My four years at Liverpool.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Snooker and horseracing.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Winning and going out for a meal.  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Smoking, losing and washing the car.  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Minder.  
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Anything political.  
**FAVOURITE READING:** Sports magazines.  
**FAVOURITE POP STARS:** Wings and Phil Collins.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Roast lamb.  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Lager.

shandy/white wine.  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Majorca.  
**FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS:** John Wayne, Walter Matthau/Lesley Anne Down.  
**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** California Suite.  
**BEST FRIEND:** My wife Debbie.  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My family.  
**WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Nothing.  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** None.  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Poached eggs.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Eire youth and Under 21 caps.  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be happy and healthy.  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To win a trophy with Everton.  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** No idea.  
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** My Everton team-mate Graeme Sharp.  
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Princess Diana.  
**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** Always train hard.

*Kevin Sheedy*

## SPOTLIGHT ON EVERTON'S

# KEVIN SHEEDY





# **'I WAS WASTED'**

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**NEW** Leeds striker George McCluskey walked out on Celtic in the close season and admitted: "I should have gone long ago."

**The 25-year-old goalscorer was bitterly disappointed not to figure in the Glasgow giants' plans last season as 'golden boy' Charlie Nicholas and Frank McGarvey took the two striking roles.**

**"Even when they weren't playing well, I didn't get a chance in the side. Last season was a total waste of time," he says.**

**Celtic did offer George a new deal this season and he could have expected to have reclaimed his place in the side following the big-money transfer of Charlie to Arsenal.**

# Challenge

**"After all the disappointments of the season before, I felt it was time to move on. I wanted a new challenge.**

**"It has always been my ambition to play in England and if I had turned down Eddie Gray's offer I may have spent the rest of my career regretting it.**

**"Leaving Celtic was a big wrench because I joined them straight from school and it was the first time I had moved away from my family and friends.**

**"But I felt that last season was a lost year. My career just stood still," says George.**

**"It was so frustrating for me because I would train all week and there would be no reason for it. It was all for nothing."**

**"I got really depressed and started arguing with my family. In the end I was just glad to get away.**

**"You feel so helpless sitting up in the stands when things aren't going well for the club. You just want to be out there on the field."**

**George describes last season as a "disaster" for the Parkhead club. He says: "To lose the League title after being in such a commanding position at Christmas was a bitter blow.**

"The strikers went through an indifferent spell and I thought I might be recalled but I never was. I can't remember the last time I played in the Celtic first team."

**But George does have some happy memories of his stay with Celtic and he says: "The 1979 title win will always stick out in my mind.**

**"We had to beat arch-rivals Rangers in the last match of the season to be sure of the Championship. The atmosphere was like a Cup Final."**

"The match started really badly for us because we went one-down and then had the late Johnny Doyle sent off. The odds looked to be stacked against us."

**George scored as Celtic beat Rangers 4-2 in a pulsating battle and he says: "I'll never forget that night — it was a terrific occasion."**

**But now he hopes to strike up a partnership with Andy Ritchie which will help the Elland Road team bounce back into the First Division.**

**"I just want a fair crack of the whip and a chance to show the Leeds fans what I can do. Before I met Andy at pre-season training, I had never seen him play live. I had only seen a few clips on television."**

## Pressure

**George accepts that he will be under pressure to produce the goods this season but he says: "It's something I've got to get used to.**

**"Being a striker is the hardest position on the field because at the end of the day you are judged on the amount of times you put the ball in the back of the net."**

**"But the Leeds management duo of Edie Gray and John Lumsden have really boosted my confidence and given me a new belief in myself."**

**"I doubt I could have signed for a better management team," adds George.**

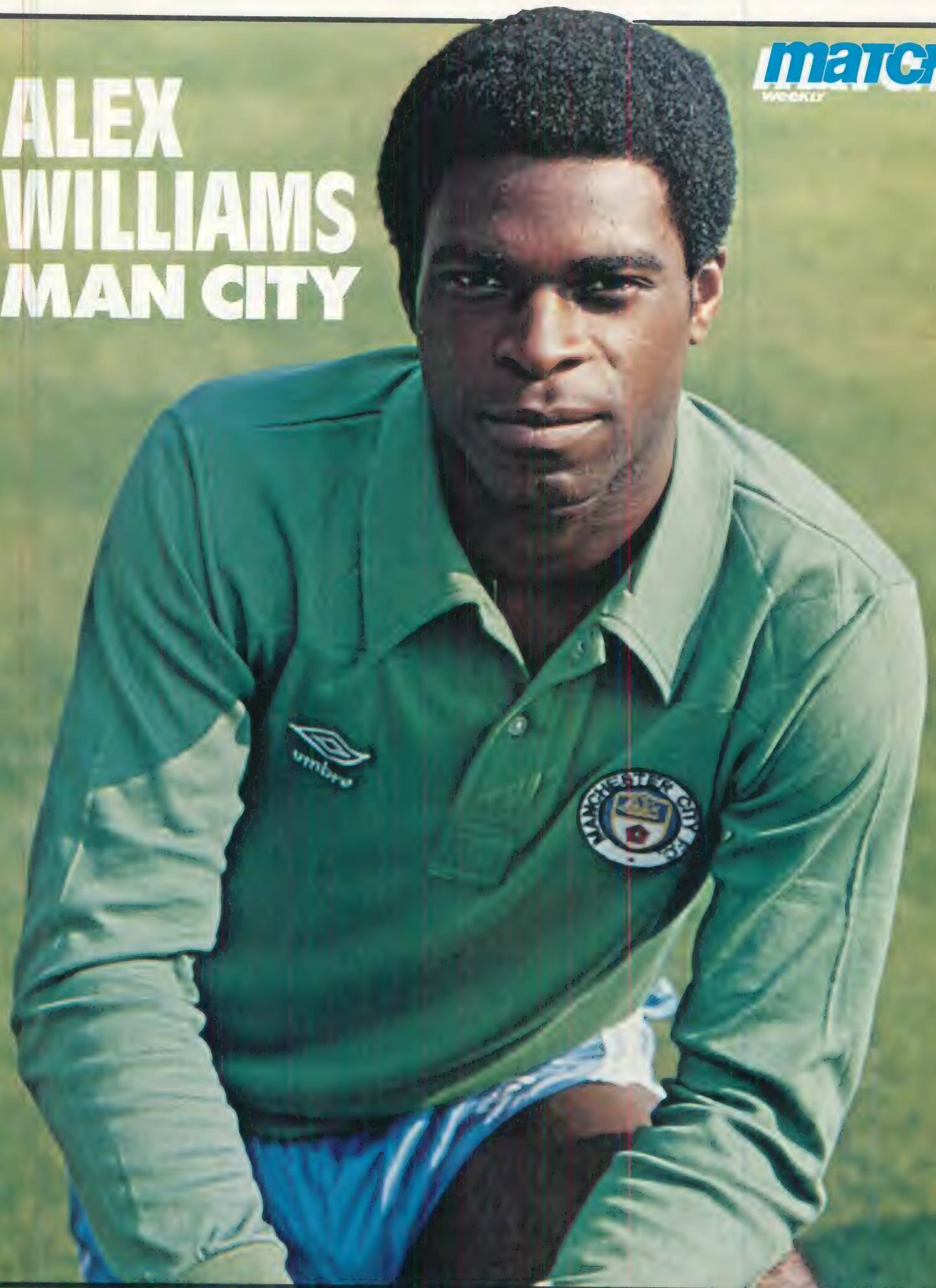
# PAUL WALSH

Luton and England



**match**  
WEEKLY

# ALEX WILLIAMS MAN CITY



# GREEKS GIVE TREVOR ROSS . . .

EVERTON reject Trevor Ross hopes that his move to sun-kissed Greece can help him back into the soccer big time.

The midfielder, who moved to AEK Athens in the close season, admitted: "I had become the forgotten man of Goodison Park and I didn't like it at all."

"I'm ambitious and want to be a big name player. Moving to AEK could help me become that."

"If I play well over here, it might tempt a top-line English club to come in for me," said Trevor, who turned down a couple of First Division clubs to move to the ancient city.

"I see the move as a stepping stone to greater things and a chance to prove myself again. It's an exciting challenge for me."

"I don't see it as the end of my days in the English First Division. When my contract expires, I'll still only be 28 and will have a lot to offer."

"As far as I know, I'm the first English player to sign for AEK and I'm determined to do well for the club."

Trevor looked set to stay in this country and he admitted: "I had agreed to stay in England with one club from the top flight but two weeks after saying yes, I still hadn't been offered a contract to sign."

"Within two hours of agreeing terms with Athens, I'd put pen to paper," says Trevor, who has signed a two-year deal.

## Uproot

When Trevor went to Athens, he had planned to make the club wait for a decision while he pondered whether to uproot his family and live in a strange land.

He explained: "I was going to wait at least a couple of weeks before I decided anything but, after looking at the place, I was ready to sign straight away."

"AEK made me an offer I couldn't refuse. I wouldn't have got a better deal from any other club in the world so I'd have been silly to turn them down."

"Athens is a beautiful place. AEK are one of the top clubs in Greece and well known throughout the world. They are a big club."

Trevor's first glimpse of his new team-mates was when he watched them lift the Greek equivalent of the FA Cup and he says: "I was very impressed by the standard of football."

"It's very similar to the English style only the Greeks tend to make a meal of any challenge . . . mind you, I know of a few First Division players who do that!"

"They are skilful players who knock the ball around well. I

# 'AN OFFER I COULDN'T REFUSE'



Trevor Ross: "AEK made me an offer I couldn't refuse."

don't see any problems settling in on the playing side."

Trevor accepts that the language barrier could pose early problems, but he said: "It's up to me to learn Greek."

As soon as he signed for the

Greek club, AEK fixed him up with a luxury villa on the outskirts of Athens.

"Everything has gone well. We've even got my six-year-old son Jason into a private American school in the city, so

his education will be looked after while we are here."

Trevor, who cost £170,000 from Arsenal in 1979, was released by Howard Kendall on a free transfer at the end of last season, along with other big-money signings Mike Walsh and Alan Ainscow.

Said Trevor: "Myself and Mike never got a chance in the first team last season and I knew when I went out on loan to Portsmouth that it was the end of my career at Goodison."

"Players who figure in a manager's plans aren't packed off on loan," added Trevor, who also went to Bramall Lane for a spell last term.

There was speculation that Trevor might stay at Sheffield United in an exchange deal with winger Terry Curran.

## Important

"I think both managers wanted to do a deal but they couldn't agree any fee. I would have gone to the Yorkshire club because they are a big club with a good set-up."

"Even though they are in the Third Division, I'd have been playing regular first team football and that was important to me."

"That's got to be better than playing every two weeks in the reserves," said Trevor, who made more than 100 League appearances in his five-and-a-half-year stay at Goodison.

"I had a good career at Everton and was never any trouble to the club. I always gave 100 per cent. It was just unfortunate I didn't fit in."

Trevor's spell in the doldrums hasn't affected his confidence. He said: "I still know I'm good enough to play at the highest level. Now I want to prove it."

**FORMER** Scotland striker Derek Parlance had to travel half-way across the world to get his confidence back.

The 30-year-old was in the doldrums at Leeds just two years after a £200,000 move from Glasgow giants Rangers.

Injuries and loss of form had seen him 'sentenced to life' in the Elland Road reserve team and he admits: "My confidence had gone."

"I knew I had no future with the Second Division club at the beginning of last season when new manager Eddie Gray played youngsters Terry Connor and Aidan Butterworth up front in the warm-up matches."

"Six games into the season, I could stand it no longer. I had a chat with the manager and he told me that Hong Kong club Bulova were interested in signing me for three months."

Derek had no second thoughts about uprooting his wife and two children and travelling to the Orient.

He says: "I felt I couldn't turn down a chance of first team football. At my age playing in



## DEREK PARLANE'S

# HONG KONG

# Experience

the reserves is no good at all.

"It was also a chance to try something completely new. The way I looked at it was that I was only going there for a short spell and even if I didn't like it, I could stand it for a time."

But there were no problems settling in because in the same Bulova side were former Manchester City winger Tommy Hutchison, former Coventry duo Barry Powell and Alan Duggdale, plus Barry Daines, who was released by Spurs two seasons ago.

Derek so impressed the club with his form that his contract was extended for another three months and he finished the campaign with 20 goals from 30 games and two winners' medals to his credit.

"The standard out there is quite high. Each team was allowed six European players so it meant that much boiled down to how the Chinese players performed."

Even though the Parlanes had to live in a one-bedroomed flat in the cramped city, Derek says: "I really enjoyed myself out there."

"The living conditions weren't ideal for the family but I'm glad I took them out there with me. Without your family you could get led astray."

As soon as Derek stepped off the plane in England, he found himself in demand from other clubs — even though he still had a year of his contract with Leeds to run.

And he looked set to return to his Scottish homeland with newly-promoted Premier Division Hearts until new Manchester City manager Billy McNeill stepped in and offered him an English lifeline.

He says: "I was on the verge of saying 'yes' to Hearts when I got a phone call from Billy. I was very surprised to hear from him because I'd never met him before and didn't know he rated me."

But the manager hadn't forgotten those not-so-far-off days when Derek and he used to battle it out in the boiling cauldron of Celtic-Rangers derby matches.

Billy was the experienced no-nonsense defender while Derek was a young striker earning quite a reputation for himself as a goalscorer. It was a reputation which later earned him six Scotland caps.

Remembers Derek: "We had some ding-dong battles in those days and used to kick lumps out of each other. Billy was a very hard man to play against."

"Those games were in the days of the old Scottish First Division and Glasgow derby matches really meant something."

"The games have lost some of their edge with the introduction of the Premier Division because Celtic and Rangers can play each other four or five times in a season."

Derek admits that the chance to stay in England was one he couldn't refuse: "I was very excited about joining one of the biggest clubs in the world."

"Although my family are keen to settle back in Scotland

Above left: Man. City's free transfer signing Derek Parlance — full of confidence again after a spell in Hong Kong.

Above right: Former Manchester City star Tommy Hutchison — teamed up with Derek in Hong Kong last season.

at some stage, I still felt I had a couple of years of English football left in me," says the 30-year-old striker.

"I was very sorry about turning down the Hearts offer because manager Alex MacDonald and his assistant Sandy Jardine are friends of mine. We played together in the same Rangers side."

"I was dreading having to pick up the telephone and tell Alex I wouldn't be joining him, but he was great about the whole thing and wished me luck."

Derek, who was signed on a free transfer, hopes that the Maine Road club will give him a chance to make a name for himself south of the border after an unimpressive spell at Leeds.

"They are a proud club determined to get back to the First Division. The potential here is phenomenal."

# QUESTION



Action from last season's Charity Shield Match — the picture could be a clue to question 14.

**HOW well do you know your football?**  
Here's the chance to find out just how much you really know by pitting your wits against the 'Match' quizmaster who has set these 20 teasers.

You'll find the answers on page 118 if you need them.

**1.** Who scored England's second goal in the 2-0 European Championship victory over Hungary at Wembley in April?

**2.** Who did Everton beat in the Fifth Round of the FA Cup at Goodison Park, and what was significant about the result?

**3.** Liverpool lost only five times before finally clinching the League Championship title. Who were the teams to beat them?

**4.** Which former Norwich player crossed the River Trent to rebuild his shattered career?

**5.** Elton John's Rocketmen, Watford, blasted eight goals past which First Division team last season?

**6.** The European Cup left England for the first time in seven years. Who were the teams who knocked out former champions Aston Villa and Liverpool at the Quarter-Final stage?

**7.** Canada called for two popular First Division players towards the end of the season. Both signed for Vancouver Whitecaps, who were they?

**8.** Who did Aberdeen beat in the Semi-Final of the European Cup and what was the score after the first leg at Pittodrie?

**9.** Which two First Division strikers completed hat-tricks with the season only three weeks old?



Name this player and you've got the answer to question 13.

**10.** Alan Ball, the only member of England's World Cup winning side of 1966, still playing, returned to English soccer this season from which country?

**11.** Second Division Burnley knocked out three First Division sides during their amazing Milk Cup run, who were they?

**12.** Strikers Andy Ritchie and Terry Connor were involved in a surprising exchange deal this year. Name the two clubs concerned.

# TIME

**13.** Which First Division player appeared in both the Scottish League Cup Final and the English FA Cup Final last season?

**14.** Who scored the goals in last season's Milk Cup Final between Man. Utd and Liverpool?

**15.** Kevin Dillon, Alan Curbishley, Colin Todd and Neil Whatmore were all sold by Birmingham manager Ron Saunders. Where are they now?



Can you name this Luton star? He's the subject of question 16.

**16.** What is the name of the Yugoslavian international (pictured above) who stars for Luton?

**17.** Scottish international Archie Gemmill has played for three Midlands clubs during his career, who are they?

**18.** Which Spanish club beat Manchester United in the first round of the UEFA Cup last season and what was the score in each of the two legs?

**19.** Who was the only First Division manager to score a goal for his side last season?

**20.** Which Third Division side scored nine goals in one game in December only a week after England hammered nine past Luxembourg?



Canada called for this player and another (see question 7).



Watford players mob Luther Blissett. The England striker scored a hat-trick in an 8-0 win against which First Division club? See question 5

**IF** new Celtic striker Brian McClair proves as big a hit as his predecessor Charlie Nicholas then there'll be a few red faces at Aston Villa.

For the former European champions rejected the teenager after a year playing in their youth team.

Now, after scoring 16 goals in the Scottish Premier Division last season for Motherwell, the £75,000 signing has emerged as one of Scotland's brightest prospects.

Reflecting on his season at Villa Park, 19-year-old Brian insists that he wasn't given a real chance by the First Division club.

"I was played in four or five different positions and never really got a run, although I did play one game for the reserves in a pre-season friendly," he recalls.

"One player I respected during my time there was England winger Tony Morley and to a certain extent I've probably modelled my play on him."

But for the player who last season was only operating on a

# VILLA REJECT IS A HIT WITH CELTIC

part-time basis to fit in degree studies at Glasgow University, the transfer to Scottish giants Celtic is a 'dream come true'.

"The move came right out of the blue and I didn't know a thing about it until Motherwell manager Jock Wallace phoned me, after I'd returned with the Scottish youth squad from the World Championships in Mexico.

"He told me he was about to sell me to Celtic and it only took me a couple of minutes to make up my mind. I've always been a Celtic fan as are most of my friends, so the move is a dream come true for me.

"Playing two games most Saturdays as a youngster meant I didn't get much opportunity to watch Celtic play although I have fond memories of watching Kenny Dalglish on his return to Celtic with Liverpool for Jock Stein's testimonial."

It was last season when Brian hit the headlines, scoring a total of five goals in victories over the 'Auld Firm', Rangers and Celtic, on successive Saturdays.

He scored a hat-trick in the 3-0 defeat of Rangers and then both goals in the 2-1 defeat of Celtic: "After the first half against Celtic I thought they were going to put seven past us again and I couldn't really believe it when we won and I had scored both goals.

## Exam

"I don't think it's true to say that my goals helped deny Celtic the Championship, although we were the first of the little teams to beat them."

In fact, on the morning of the match against Celtic he actually sat an exam!

"I was doing a BSc in maths and chemistry and only able to train with Motherwell in the evenings. The course interfered with my games as I missed the opening League match of the season against Rangers because I was sitting an exam.

"All I could think of during the exam was about the game and what the score was. Even the day I scored twice against Celtic I had to sit an exam in the morning."

Although he put his degree first last year, football will be Brian's main concern now he has joined Celtic: "I'll be shelving my studies but hopefully I can always return to them as I would like to eventually go into teaching.

"Anyway, you only get one



Villa's Tony Morley — a big influence on Brian McClair

chance to sign for Celtic."

Ironically, the man who bought him to Parkhead, Billy McNeill, moved on Manchester City before the start of the season, being replaced by former Chelsea player David Hay who formerly managed Brian at Motherwell.

Brian joined the Fir Park club in 1981 when he was signed by former Scotland manager Ally McLeod.

## Rest

"Ally played me in all the League Cup ties but when David Hay became manager he explained that he felt I needed a rest from first team football as it had all happened so quickly for me.

"Unfortunately for me the team took off on a successful run which led to the First Division championship and I wasn't able to break back into the side until the end of the season when I scored four goals.

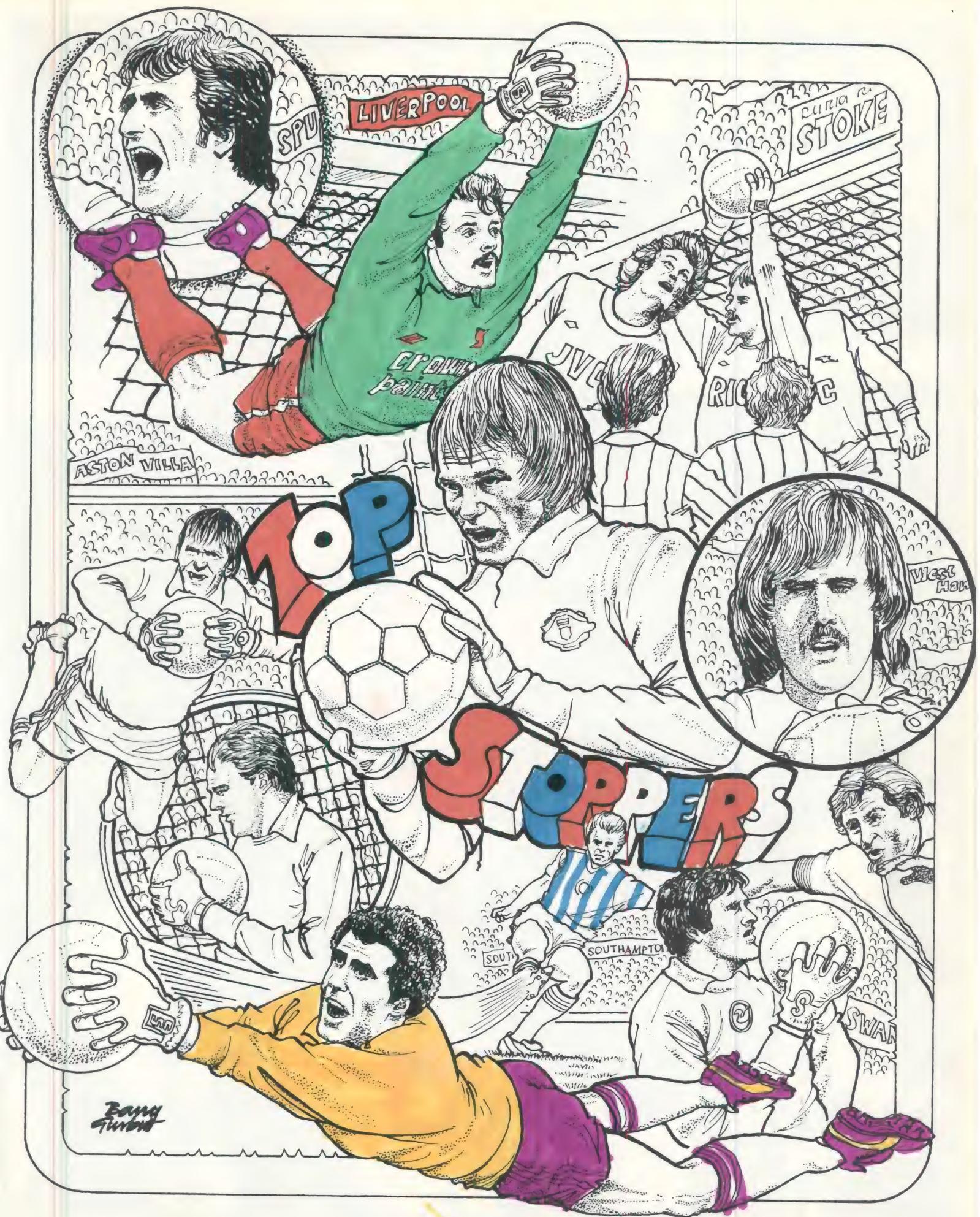
When Jock Wallace succeeded David Hay last season he kept me in the first team and I feel that having played a full season in the Premier Division has definitely made me a more consistent player."

Celtic's Brian McClair — could cause some red faces at Aston Villa.



## COLOUR FOR FUN

Colour in some of the favourite goalkeepers on this special montage



# GARY MEGSON

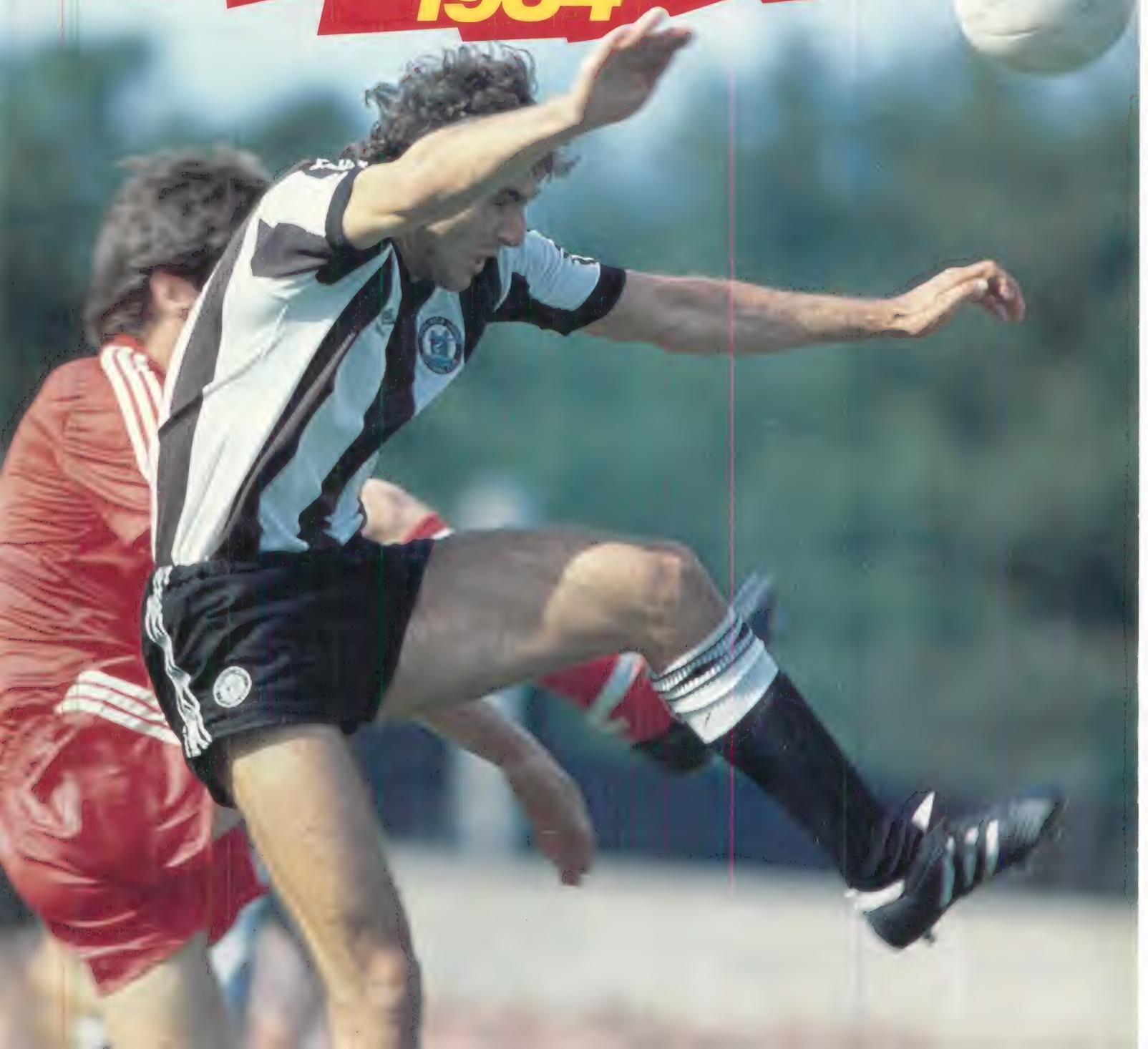
SHEFFIELD  
WEDNESDAY



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# SOCER

**YEAR PLANNER  
1984**



# JANUARY

**1 SUNDAY**  
Danny Wilson (Nottm. Forest) born: 1960

**2 MONDAY**

**3 TUESDAY**

**4 WEDNESDAY**  
Mick Mills (Southampton) born: 1949  
'Match' on sale today

**5 THURSDAY**

**6 FRIDAY**  
Manny Kaltz (W. Germany) born: 1953

**7 SATURDAY**  
FA Cup Third Round  
Scottish Cup Second Round

**8 SUNDAY**

**9 MONDAY**

**10 TUESDAY**

**11 WEDNESDAY**  
Bryan Robson (Man. Utd.) born: 1957  
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**12 THURSDAY**  
Noel Blake (Birmingham) born: 1962

**13 FRIDAY**

**14 SATURDAY**

**15 SUNDAY**

**16 MONDAY**  
Ian Atkins (Sunderland) born: 1957

**17 TUESDAY**  
Last red cards shown in League to Nigel Gray (Orient) and Gary Stevens (Cardiff) 1981

**18 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**19 THURSDAY**

**20 FRIDAY**  
John Robertson (Derby) born: 1953

**21 SATURDAY**  
Alex McLeish (Aberdeen) born: 1959  
Danny Wallace (Southampton) born: 1964

**22 SUNDAY**

**23 MONDAY**

**24 TUESDAY**



● Bryan Robson

**25 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**26 THURSDAY**

**27 FRIDAY**  
**28 SATURDAY**  
FA Cup Fourth Round  
Scottish Cup Third Round

**29 SUNDAY**

**30 MONDAY**

31 TUESDAY

**1 WEDNESDAY**

'Match' on sale today

**2 THURSDAY**

**3 FRIDAY**

**4 SATURDAY**

**5 SUNDAY**

Queen's Park beaten, 1867 — first time for 8½ years!

**6 MONDAY**  
Munich air disaster, 1958

**7 TUESDAY**  
Mick McCarthy (Barnsley) born: 1959  
Billy Kellock (Wolves) born: 1954

**8 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**9 THURSDAY**  
Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen) born: 1957

**10 FRIDAY**

**11 SATURDAY**

**12 SUNDAY**

**13 MONDAY**

**14 TUESDAY**  
Kevin Keegan (Newcastle) born: 1951  
First £1m transfer, 1975, Trevor Francis, Birmingham to Forest

**15 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**16 THURSDAY**  
Leighton James (Sunderland) born: 1953

**17 FRIDAY**

**18 SATURDAY**  
FA Cup Fifth Round  
Scottish Cup Fourth Round  
Jan Lohman (Watford) born: 1959

**19 SUNDAY**  
Socrates (Brazil) born: 1954  
Mich D'Avray (Ipswich) born: 1962



● Gordon Strachan

**20 MONDAY**  
Phil Neal (Liverpool) born: 1951

**21 TUESDAY**

**22 WEDNESDAY**  
First League floodlit game, 1956,  
Portsmouth v Newcastle  
'Match' on sale today

**23 THURSDAY**

**24 FRIDAY**

**25 SATURDAY**

**26 SUNDAY**

**27 MONDAY**

**28 TUESDAY**  
Dino Zoff (Italy) born: 1942  
Jan Ceulemans (Belgium) born: 1957  
Scotland v Wales

**29 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today



● Mich D'Avray

# FEBRUARY

# MARCH

**1 THURSDAY**  
Martin O'Neill (Norwich) born: 1953

**2 FRIDAY**

**3 SATURDAY**  
Zico (Brazil) born: 1953  
Zbigniew Boniek (Poland) born: 1956

**4 SUNDAY**  
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) born: 1951  
First League Cup Final at Wembley, Q.P.R. 3 West Brom 2, 1967

**5 MONDAY**



● John O'Neill

**6 TUESDAY**  
Harald Schumacher (W. Germany) born: 1954

**7 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**8 THURSDAY**

**9 FRIDAY**

**10 SATURDAY**  
FA Cup Sixth Round  
Scottish Cup Fifth Round

**11 SUNDAY**  
John O'Neill (Leicester) born: 1958

**12 MONDAY**  
Patrick Battiston (France) born: 1957

**13 TUESDAY**  
Bruno Conti (Italy) born: 1955

**14 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**15 THURSDAY**

**16 FRIDAY**

**17 SATURDAY**

**18 SUNDAY**  
Paul Elliott (Luton) born: 1964

**19 MONDAY**

**20 TUESDAY**

**21 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**22 THURSDAY**

**23 FRIDAY**

**24 SATURDAY**  
Milk Cup Final

**25 SUNDAY**

**26 MONDAY**

**27 TUESDAY**  
Ian Wilson (Leicester) born: 1958

**28 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**29 THURSDAY**

**30 FRIDAY**

**31 SATURDAY**

**1 SUNDAY**

**2 MONDAY**

**3 TUESDAY**

**4 WEDNESDAY**

British Championship: England v N. Ireland  
'Match' on sale today

**5 THURSDAY**

Ian Redford (Rangers) born: 1960  
Richard Gough (Dundee Utd) born: 1962

**6 FRIDAY**

**7 SATURDAY**



● Trevor Francis

**8 SUNDAY**  
Alexandre Chivadze (USSR) born: 1955

**9 MONDAY**

**10 TUESDAY**

**11 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today

**12 THURSDAY**

**13 FRIDAY**

**14 SATURDAY**

FA Cup Semi-Finals  
Scottish Cup Semi-Finals

**15 SUNDAY**

**16 MONDAY**

Alan Curtis (Swansea) born: 1954

**17 TUESDAY**

Horst Hrubesch (W. Germany) born: 1951

**18 WEDNESDAY**

Eamonn Bannon (Dundee Utd) born: 1958  
'Match' on sale today

**19 THURSDAY**

Trevor Francis (Sampdoria) born: 1954

**20 FRIDAY**

**21 SATURDAY**

**22 SUNDAY**

**23 MONDAY**

**24 TUESDAY**

**25 WEDNESDAY**

**26 THURSDAY**

**27 FRIDAY**

'Match' on sale today

**28 SATURDAY**

First FA Cup Final at Wembley, 1923

**29 SUNDAY**

**30 MONDAY**

# APRIL

# MAY

**1 TUESDAY**

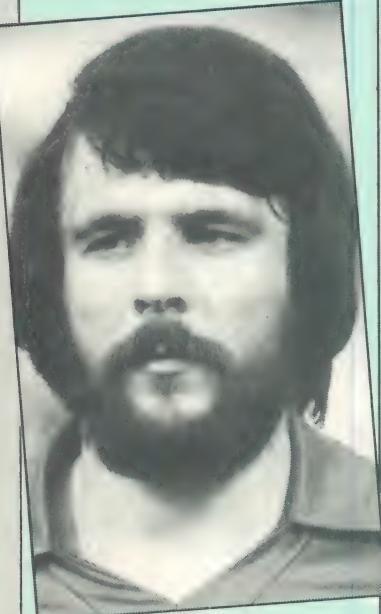
Danny McGrain (Celtic) born: 1950  
Andras Torocksic (Hungary) born: 1955

**2 WEDNESDAY**

David O'Leary (Arsenal) born: 1958  
Wales v England  
'Match' on sale today

**3 THURSDAY**
**4 FRIDAY**
**5 SATURDAY**
**6 SUNDAY**

Graeme Souness (Scotland) born: 1953



● Eric Gerets

**7 MONDAY**

N. Whiteside (Man Utd) born: 1965  
Lowest ever League gate, seven, Stockport v Leicester, 1921

**8 TUESDAY**

Davie Provan (Celtic) born: 1956  
Eddie Kelly (Arsenal) first substitute to score in FA Cup Final, 1971

**9 WEDNESDAY**

Billy Hamilton (Burnley) born: 1957  
'Match' on sale today

**10 THURSDAY**
**11 FRIDAY**
**12 SATURDAY**
**13 SUNDAY**
**14 MONDAY**
**15 TUESDAY**
**16 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today
 
**17 THURSDAY**
**18 FRIDAY**  
Eric Gerets (Belgium) born: 1954
 
**19 SATURDAY**

FA Cup Final  
Scottish Cup Final

**20 SUNDAY**
**21 MONDAY**  
FIFA formed, Paris, 1904
 
**22 TUESDAY**

Paul Mariner (Ipswich) born: 1953  
British Championship: Wales v N. Ireland

**23 WEDNESDAY**

Ian Wallace (Nottm For) born: 1956  
David MacKinnon (R'gers) born: 1956  
'Match' on sale today

**24 THURSDAY**
**25 FRIDAY**

Eder (Brazil) born: 1957  
Daniel Passarella (Ar'tina) born: 1953  
Celtic win European Cup, 1967

**26 SATURDAY**

Scotland v England

**27 SUNDAY**
**28 MONDAY**
**29 TUESDAY**
**30 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today
 
**31 THURSDAY**
**1 FRIDAY**
**2 SATURDAY**
**3 SUNDAY**

George Burley (Ipswich) born: 1956

**4 MONDAY**


● Alan Hansen

**5 TUESDAY**
**6 WEDNESDAY**  
'Match' on sale today
 
**7 THURSDAY**
**8 FRIDAY**
**9 SATURDAY**
**10 SUNDAY**
**11 MONDAY**
**12 TUESDAY**

European Championships start, Paris  
Pat Jennings (Arsenal) born: 1945  
David Narey (Dundee Utd) born: 1956

**13 WEDNESDAY**

Alan Hansen (Liverpool) born: 1955  
'Match' on sale today

**14 THURSDAY**
**15 FRIDAY**

Dirceu (Brazil) born: 1952  
Alan Brazil (Spurs) born: 1959

**16 SATURDAY**
**17 SUNDAY**
**18 MONDAY**
**19 TUESDAY**
**20 WEDNESDAY**

Peter Reid (Everton) born: 1952  
'Match' on sale today

**21 THURSDAY**
**22 FRIDAY**
**23 SATURDAY**

European Championship Semi-Final, Marseille

**24 SUNDAY**

European Championship Semi-Final, Lyon

**25 MONDAY**


● Alan Brazil

**26 TUESDAY**

Luis Arconada (Spain) born: 1954

**27 WEDNESDAY**

European Championship Final, Paris  
'Match' on sale today

**28 THURSDAY**
**29 FRIDAY**

Man Utd become first English team to win the European Cup, 1968

**30 SATURDAY**

# JUNE

# JULY

1 SUNDAY
2 MONDAY
3 TUESDAY
4 WEDNESDAY 'Match' on sale today
5 THURSDAY Peter Fox (Stoke) born: 1957
6 FRIDAY
7 SATURDAY Mike Thomas (Stoke) born: 1954
8 SUNDAY Imre Varadi (Newcastle) born: 1959
9 MONDAY Steve Coppell (Man Utd) born: 1955
10 TUESDAY
11 WEDNESDAY 'Match' on sale today
12 THURSDAY
13 FRIDAY Rinat Dasaev (USSR) born: 1957 Ian Bolton (Watford) born: 1953
14 SATURDAY
15 SUNDAY Mario Kempes (Argentina) born: 1954
16 MONDAY Smolarek (Poland) born: 1957
17 TUESDAY
18 WEDNESDAY 'Match' on sale today
19 THURSDAY

20 FRIDAY Viv Anderson (Nottm Forest) born: 1956
21 SATURDAY
22 SUNDAY

● Viv Anderson
23 MONDAY First Wembley sending-off, Rattin (Argentina), 1966 B. O'Callaghan (Stoke) born: 1955
24 TUESDAY Jim Leighton (Aberdeen) born: 1958
25 WEDNESDAY Karl-Heinz Forster (W. Germany) born: 1958 'Match' on sale today
26 THURSDAY Felix Magath (W. Germany) born: 1953
27 FRIDAY Hansi Muller (W. Germany) born: 1957
28 SATURDAY
29 SUNDAY
30 MONDAY England win World Cup, 1966
31 TUESDAY

1 WEDNESDAY 'Match' on sale today
2 THURSDAY
3 FRIDAY Ossie Ardiles (Spurs) born: 1952 Gordon Davies (Fulham) born: 1956
4 SATURDAY John Wark (Ipswich) born: 1957
5 SUNDAY Ray Clemence (Spurs) born: 1948
6 MONDAY Jim Arnold (Everton) born: 1951
7 TUESDAY
8 WEDNESDAY Sammy McIlroy (Stoke) born: 1954 'Match' on sale today
9 THURSDAY
10 FRIDAY
11 SATURDAY
12 SUNDAY
13 MONDAY First Scottish League substitute, Archie Gemmill (St. Mirren), 1966
14 TUESDAY Peter Griffiths (Stoke) born: 1957
15 WEDNESDAY 'Match' on sale today
16 THURSDAY
17 FRIDAY
18 SATURDAY
19 SUNDAY

# AUGUST

20 MONDAY
21 TUESDAY Didier Six (France) born: 1955 Substitutes first allowed in League, 1965
22 WEDNESDAY Colin Morris (Sheff Utd) born: 1953 'Match' on sale today
23 THURSDAY Gary Mabbutt (Spurs) born: 1961
24 FRIDAY
25 SATURDAY Numbers first used on shirts, 1928
26 SUNDAY
27 MONDAY Jean-Francois Larios (France) born: 1956
28 TUESDAY
29 WEDNESDAY 'Match' on sale today
30 THURSDAY Peter Withe (Aston Villa) born: 1951
31 FRIDAY



● Sammy McIlroy

# SEPTEMBER

<b>1 SATURDAY</b>
<b>2 SUNDAY</b>
<b>3 MONDAY</b>
<b>4 TUESDAY</b>
<b>5 WEDNESDAY</b> Paul Breitner (W. Germany) born: 1951 'Match' on sale today

● Aage Hareide
<b>6 THURSDAY</b>
<b>7 FRIDAY</b>
<b>8 SATURDAY</b>
<b>9 SUNDAY</b>
<b>10 MONDAY</b> Ian Stewart (QPR) born: 1961
<b>11 TUESDAY</b>
<b>12 WEDNESDAY</b> 'Match' on sale today
<b>13 THURSDAY</b> Mal Donaghy (Luton) born: 1957
<b>14 FRIDAY</b> Ray Wilkins (Man Utd) born: 1956 First League penalty scored, John Heath (Wolves), 1891
<b>15 SATURDAY</b> Chris Turner (Sunderland) born: 1958

<b>16 SUNDAY</b> David McCreery (Newcastle) born: 1957
<b>17 MONDAY</b>
<b>18 TUESDAY</b> Peter Shilton (Southampton) born: 1950
<b>19 WEDNESDAY</b> 'Match' on sale today
<b>20 THURSDAY</b>
<b>21 FRIDAY</b>
<b>22 SATURDAY</b>
<b>23 SUNDAY</b> Paolo Rossi (Italy) born: 1956 Aage Hareide (Norwich) born: 1953
<b>24 MONDAY</b> Steve Foster (Brighton) born: 1957
<b>25 TUESDAY</b> Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (W. Germany) born: 1955
<b>26 WEDNESDAY</b> Kenny Sansom (Arsenal) born: 1958 'Match' on sale today

● Steve Foster
<b>27 THURSDAY</b> Claudio Gentile (Italy) born: 1956 Steve Archibald (Spurs) born: 1956
<b>28 FRIDAY</b> Geoff Pike (West Ham) born: 1959
<b>29 SATURDAY</b>
<b>30 SUNDAY</b>



● Jim Melrose

<b>13 SATURDAY</b>
<b>14 SUNDAY</b>
<b>15 MONDAY</b> Highest English aggregate score, Preston 26 Hyde 0, FA Cup, First Round, 1887
<b>16 TUESDAY</b> Roberto Falcao (Brazil) born: 1953
<b>17 WEDNESDAY</b> 'Match' on sale today
<b>18 THURSDAY</b>
<b>19 FRIDAY</b>
<b>20 SATURDAY</b> Ian Rush (Liverpool) born: 1962 Ian Bailey (Sheff Wed) born: 1956 Kevin Reeves (Burnley) born: 1957
<b>21 SUNDAY</b>
<b>22 MONDAY</b>
<b>23 TUESDAY</b> Graham Rix (Arsenal) born: 1957
<b>24 WEDNESDAY</b> Asa Hartford (Man City) born: 1950 'Match' on sale today
<b>25 THURSDAY</b>
<b>26 FRIDAY</b>
<b>27 SATURDAY</b> Glenn Hoddle (Spurs) born: 1957 Frank Gray (Leeds) born: 1954
<b>28 SUNDAY</b>
<b>29 MONDAY</b>
<b>30 TUESDAY</b> Diego Maradona (Argentina) born: 1960
<b>31 WEDNESDAY</b> 'Match' on sale today

# OCTOBER

# NOVEMBER

1 THURSDAY

2 FRIDAY

3 SATURDAY

4 SUNDAY

5 MONDAY

6 TUESDAY

● Uli Stielike

7 WEDNESDAY  
'Match' on sale today

8 THURSDAY

Alan Curbishley (Aston Villa) born: 1957

9 FRIDAY

10 SATURDAY

11 SUNDAY

Nick Holmes (Southampton) born: 1954

12 MONDAY

13 TUESDAY

Alex Williams (Man City) born: 1961

14 WEDNESDAY

'Match' on sale today

15 THURSDAY

Ulrich Stielike (W Germany) born: 1954

16 FRIDAY

17 SATURDAY

18 SUNDAY

Joe Corrigan (Vancouver Whitecaps) born: 1948

19 MONDAY

20 TUESDAY

21 WEDNESDAY

'Match' on sale today

22 THURSDAY

Billy Minter (St Albans) scored seven goals in FA Cup v Dulwich and his side still lost! 1922

23 FRIDAY

24 SATURDAY

25 SUNDAY

Alan Rough (Hibs) born: 1951

26 MONDAY

27 TUESDAY

28 WEDNESDAY

'Match' on sale today

29 THURSDAY

30 FRIDAY

First England v Scotland game, Glasgow, 1872

● Alan Rough

1 SATURDAY

Francois Van der Elst (Belgium) born: 1954  
Billy Stark (Aberdeen) born: 1956

2 SUNDAY

3 MONDAY

4 TUESDAY

5 WEDNESDAY

'Match' on sale today

6 THURSDAY

Tony Woodcock (Arsenal) born: 1955  
David Mills (Sheff Wed) born: 1951

7 FRIDAY

John McClelland (Rangers) born: 1955

8 SATURDAY

Terry McDermott (Newcastle) born: 1951  
Kevin Beattie (M'boro) born: 1953

9 SUNDAY

10 MONDAY

11 TUESDAY

12 WEDNESDAY

'Match' on sale today

13 THURSDAY

14 FRIDAY

Chris Waddle (Newcastle) born: 1960

15 SATURDAY

16 SUNDAY

Tommy Burns (Celtic) born: 1956

17 MONDAY

18 TUESDAY

19 WEDNESDAY

'Match' on sale today

20 THURSDAY

21 FRIDAY

22 SATURDAY

23 SUNDAY

Terry Gibson (Spurs) born: 1962



● Tommy Burns

24 MONDAY

25 TUESDAY

26 WEDNESDAY

David Armstrong (Southampton) born: 1954  
Larry May (Leicester) born: 1958

27 THURSDAY

28 FRIDAY

Terry Butcher (Ipswich) born: 1958

29 SATURDAY

30 SUNDAY

Charlie Nicholas (Arsenal) born: 1961  
Irving Geron (Ipswich) born: 1962

31 MONDAY

# DECEMBER



Above: Andy Gray, back in international reckoning, flashes a shot past Neville Southall in Scotland's 2-0 British Championship win over Wales at Ninian Park last season.



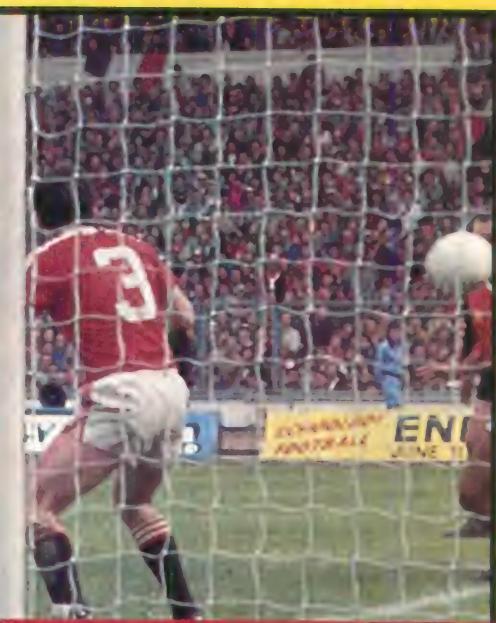
Above: Kenny Dalglish lobs the ball over Belgium goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff to score his country's opening goal in their 3-2 European Championship defeat in Brussels last season.

# STRIKE

SPOTLIGHT on the goals which were worth their weight in gold. 'Match' captures in glorious colour some of the most important goals of the last exciting season.



Right: Dino Zoff of the star-studded Juventus side makes a despairing dive as this drive from Hamburg's Felix Magath makes sure that the European Cup goes to West Germany . . . and out of England for the first time in six years.



**Above:** Gary Stevens (out of picture) hammers home a dramatic equaliser three minutes from time and forces the Brighton-Manchester United FA Cup Final to extra-time. United's Mike Duxbury, Gary Bailey and Arthur Albiston can only watch in horror.

# FORCE

**Below:** European glory for Aberdeen. John Hewitt glides home Mark McGhee's cross nine minutes from time to give 'The Dons' a sensational 2-1 win over Real Madrid in the Cup Winners' Cup Final in rain-soaked Gothenburg.

**Right:** Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Bob Bolder makes a desperate vain attempt to save a Jimmy Case blockbuster during last season's FA Cup Semi-Final at Highbury. Brighton won 2-1.





Flashback to 'Match', August 7, 1982

**NEWLY-promoted Luton pulled off the biggest transfer coup of the close season when they signed striker Paul Walsh, one of football's hottest properties.**

Last season, the former Charlton star was reported to have been the subject of a number of impressive bids from some of the top clubs in the First Division.

But it was David Pleat, manager of unfashionable Luton, who stole the march on the 'big guns' and produced the deal which secured the much sought-after signature.

Says Paul, who cost 'The Hatters' £100,000 cash plus £80,000-rated striker

... I heard a lot of rumours last about clubs circling in for me, but I like to anyone offering my pay

## 'I'VE JOINED A CLASS SIDE' says PAUL WALSH

Flashback to 'Match', January 22, 1983

Alan may have thought Swansea were too good to go down, but there is no sentiment in football and no compassion shown for injury-hit sides, and it's back to the grindstone for the Swans again this season.

That may be so Paul, but you also joined a side with a defence that had more holes than a string vest. It was a shame because Luton did show some enterprise, but on this occasion fortune didn't favour the brave.

**THERE'S a lot of fun to be had from looking back at what players, managers and 'Match Weekly' readers had to say on different topics in football. Particularly when predictions, made with great sincerity at the time, leave them with egg on their faces.**

**Tongue-in-cheek we've searched our 'Match' library to bring you some classic statements from last season.**

**It's a wee bit naughty of us to recall statements that players have subsequently come to regret, but sometimes, of course, they got it right... and they'll be pleased that we can remind you of that.**

# talking

## SWANSEA ACE IS DEFIANT ...

# WE'RE TOO GOOD TO GO DOWN



**STRIKER** Alan Curtis believes struggling Swans are suffering from a soccer hangover.

The Welsh club are currently engaged in the annual dogfight to avoid relegation — almost year to the day since they topped Division One for the first time in their history.

And Alan is convinced that the Swans' poor form this season is a backlash from the incredible run of success the club has enjoyed over the last four years.

"We have probably been too successful for our own good," he says. "Everything happened so quickly and we seem to be paying the penalty."

"It's difficult to imagine that four years ago we were in the Fourth Division — I suppose it was inevitable the run would end."

Manager John Toshack's Welsh warriors took the First Division by storm last season and were never out of the top third of the table.

Even when they were top of the League and threatening to take the title, Alan was afraid the bubble would burst and Swansea would be tagged 'one-season wonders'.

And that fear has turned into harsh reality this season with Swansea struggling at the bottom of the table.

Says Alan: "It was great while it lasted but I suppose this is the time to settle down after the success of the last few years."

"This is a long-term settling-off period — disappointing one, but it is not in trouble."

His side has not played well since the start of the batch

few injuries and we never really recovered

**AND some of the readers who make the Terrace Talk page such a lively read each week have little to gloat over.**

**Take Rotherham fan Amanda Best, for instance, who forecast in September last year: "When Rotherham gain promotion next May, people will have to sit up and take notice of Emlyn Hughes' super team."**

**• Whoops! But at least Emlyn finished up playing with a promoted side in Fourth Division Hull.**

John Biafra was annoyed when Kevin Keegan was handed the captaincy at Newcastle: as for him and Imre Varadi scoring fifty goals between them this season, well that's a joke. Keegan will be lucky to score ten — and most of them will be penalties."

**• Living in Sunderland, that was probably an expected statement from John, but Kevin once again proved to be one of the country's top strikers.**

**But Tottenham fan Terry Rossati can puff out his chest with some pride with his early season forecast: "Keith Birkenshaw played a**

**master-stroke when he signed Gary Mabbutt."** BURTON-on-Trent reader Andrew Ferguson must have thought he was on a good thing when Norwich were struggling at the foot of the First Division: "Without doubt, Norwich will be back where they belong — in the Second Division — along with Luton and Sunderland — was his pre-season prediction.

**• Still one out of three isn't bad.**

**• We hope that Anthony Gray, of Milton, Oxfordshire, wasn't too downhearted when Juventus failed to win the European Cup and retain the Italian League Championship.**

He predicted in September last year that Juventus were the best team in Europe because of all their world class players "Add new recruits Boniek and Platini to their Italian stars and who can argue that Juventus aren't the kings of Europe?"

**• It just happened, Anthony, that Hamburg weren't frightened by their potential, and neither were new Italian Champions Roma.**

Flashback to 'Match', January 29, 1983

**BIRMINGHAM mid-fielder Kevin Dillon has caused the secret fear that his days at St Andrews are numbered.**

Twenty-three-year-old Kevin, the most outstanding player in the city's senior sides, is sure to move to another club before the end of the season. He's been trying to fit himself into the picture ever since Kevin Keegan left, not realising again as a transfer deadline.

**Kevin's plan to swap from City to Villa, plus £1M, hasn't gone down the manager's priority list to create the new striker. Mick Norcross is still in the frame.**

The 18-year-old Dillon, however, doesn't feel he could fit in with the Villa side after signing Kevin Keegan, Tony Mowatt and David Fairclough.

I haven't asked for a transfer, I'm happy in the club and want to stay here. I'm not interested in playing with other teams. I'm a good manager, but I'm uncertain as to what would happen if I stayed.

Kevin's decision to leave about 18 months ago had divided against Kevin. Now I say whatever it would be, it would be Kevin.

Kevin, who moved to the club in 1977, has had a good career.

He's done well for the club and I hope he'll do well for the new club.

## DILLON'S DILEMMA

### I FEAR MY DAYS WITH BIRMINGHAM ARE NUMBERED

**boss is. He keeps getting on to me about something after every game. When I'm not playing, he makes play for him.**

**Kevin is never happy with the way the team plays. He always tries to be a perfect, young player. He's not a good player.**

**Maybe he's just trying to keep me on my toes. He might think I'm not good enough. Whether that's people do.**

**After our 3-0 victory over arch rivals Aston Villa, Tony Burton was asked whether Kevin's comments on the skill to the second best, that's all gone. I won matches as heading and I'm picking up and I'm off to the every d**

**victories in the first could see Birmingham leap up the table. Southampton had a decent run and the**

**Kevin was certainly looking into a crystal ball when he made this statement because two months later he was helping big-spending Portsmouth back into the Second Division.**

**WILL Liverpool make it a hat-trick of Football League Championships and collect the League/Milk Cup for the fourth year in a row? Can Manchester United get to Wembley yet again, and could this be the season for the elusive treble?**

'Match Weekly' has been indulging in a spot of crystal ball gazing to come up with some predictions. There's a special panel for you to fill in your own forecasts so, when everything is decided, you can see who came closest to getting it right.



*Nigel Spink... a new member of the England squad who could be a key figure if Aston Villa are to lift the Milk Cup.*

**THE Cockerels are crowing in North London. The strains of 'Glory, Glory, Hallelujah' are reverberating round the packed White Hart Lane terraces as jubilant**

**Tottenham fans celebrate the club's first Championship success for 23 years.**

There's rugged defender Graham Roberts clutching the trophy with that toothless grin, reviving fond memories of Nobby Stiles' merry jig at Wembley after England's 1966 World Cup Final victory.

Goalkeeper Ray Clemence, no stranger to League crowns after years of success at Liverpool, is engulfed by a seething mass of white and black bedecked fans, and little Osvaldo Ardiles hitches a ride on the back of leading scorer Alan Brazil, who never quite realised this dream at Ipswich.

That's the happy scene we can see through the haze of our crystal ball as we attempt to predict where the major honours will be going this season.

Where's Liverpool? Surely they must be favourites to keep the trophy for a third successive year even without the influence of Bob Paisley.

And what about big spending Manchester United? They are most people's candidates to follow in the footsteps of the ruthless Anfield machine should they strike engine problems.

They will, of course, be there or thereabouts in the final reckoning, but this time they'll have to play second fiddle to Tottenham.

Liverpool can never be ignored in any competition, but in losing six of their last seven matches at the end of last season, there were just a few suspicions that

# Champions



*Big Cyril Regis hammers in a shot despite the challenge of Southampton's Malcolm Waldron, and West Brom fans hope he'll be leading them to Wembley next season in the FA Cup.*

perhaps the great side was in need of an injection of new oil.

It can be claimed that everything was an anti-climax at that stage with Liverpool having collected their 14th Championship by a street, but since when have the 'Reds' been prone to charitable acts.

It was felt that United perhaps had their best chance of winning the title last season, but they failed to match Liverpool's hot pace, and one is left to wonder whether Ron Atkinson has discovered the right blend to do it this time.

So why go for Tottenham?

Despite all their injury problems last season — they used 26 players in the First Division — they showed signs in the past two months that they were still a force to be reckoned with when near to full strength.

They won seven of their last nine matches, two of them against Liverpool and Manchester United, to creep through on the blindside into fourth place, the same position they adopted the previous season when they completed their second successive FA Cup triumph.

The enigmatic Steve Archibald appeared to recover all his old scoring form in the closing weeks, in a new partnership with fellow Scot Alan Brazil that bodes well for the future — and there's still Garth Crooks in the wings.

Steve scored seven goals in the last six games, including a hat-trick, and Alan chipped in with six in the last nine matches.

On paper, their midfield of the artistic Glenn Hoddle, the tenacity of new England star

**Leeds' Kevin Hird in action against Southampton whom they will soon be meeting again in the First Division if our prediction comes true.**



# Spurs! .... that's the Cockerel chorus this season

Gary Mabbutt and the silky skills of Ossie Ardiles looks the most exciting in the country, and, with the tough-tackling of Graham Roberts and Gary Stevens to supplement the experience of goalkeeper Ray Clemence, the signs point to a Tottenham Championship for only the third time in their history.

If you are looking for a dark horse to challenge Spurs, Liverpool and Manchester United, then look no further than Nottingham Forest where

manager Brian Clough appears to be coming up with a potent mixture of experience and youth.

You have to turn the clock back nearly 16 years for the last time a Midlands team won the FA Cup, West Brom being the last back in 1968 when they defeated Everton in extra time.

Well, that barren spell will end this season with West Brom lifting the Cup again.

They have the strike force in Garry Thompson and Cyrille Regis to instil fear into the most

resolute of defences, and in young defender Martyn Bennett, have a player for the future.

And the Milk Cup could also come to the Midlands this season after Liverpool's monopoly, with Aston Villa, boosted by the signing of Steve McMahon, capable of producing brilliant form in the big games.

Elsewhere, Kevin Keegan-inspired Newcastle appear virtual certainties to return to the First Division, but they may have to concede the

Second Division Championship to Leeds.

Eddie Gray did a tremendous job in grooming several youngsters last season in his first year as player-manager, and, with Leeds always difficult to penetrate, their promise could be fulfilled earlier than expected.

In the Third Division, Sheffield United have both the resources and the talent to win the Championship and make amends for last season's disappointing show, and watch out for Walsall and relegated Burnley.

York City look capable of winning the Fourth Division under former Stoke strongman Denis Smith. They had their best season in years last term, with the most impressive home record in the country.

With that, allied to consistency away from Bootham Crescent, then they must go up, with Colchester and John Wile's Peterborough also in the picture.

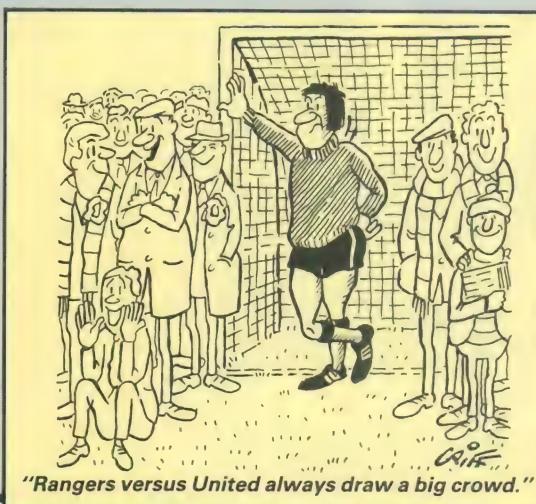
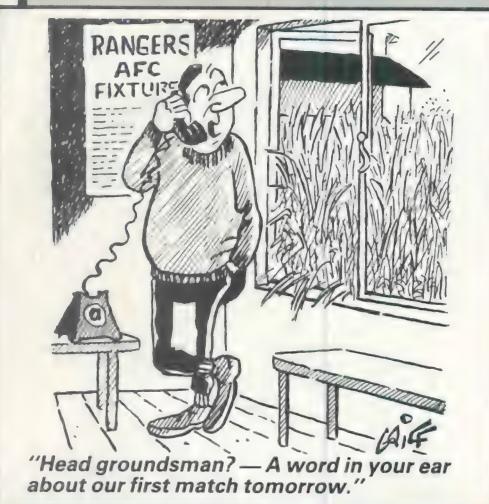
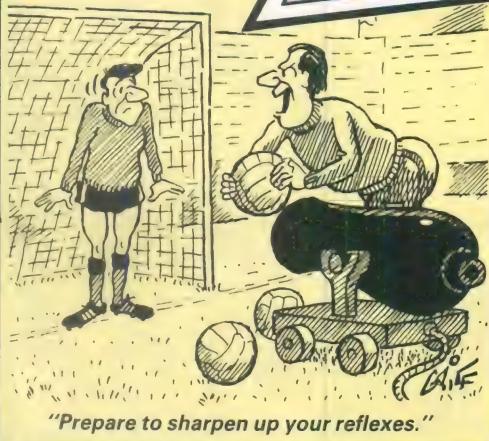
Up in Scotland, Aberdeen will be crowned Scottish champions after a two-horse race with Celtic.

## MATCH WEEKLY PREDICTIONS

Here's our full list of predictions for the season:

Our predictions	Your predictions	Dad's predictions	Who won
Div One Champions	Tottenham		
Div Two Champions	Leeds		
Div Three Champions	Sheff United		
Div Four Champions	York City		
Scottish Premier Champions	Aberdeen		
FA Cup winners	West Brom		
Milk Cup winners	Aston Villa		

# It's Fun Time



## DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER Pages 44-45

CLUB CALL: 1—C; 2—E; 3—G; 4—F; 5—B; 6—A.

SPOT THE STAR: Steve Walford (Norwich).

MYSTERY STAR: Peter Shilton (Southampton) 1. Portsmouth; 2. Everton; 3. Tottenham; 4. Peter Eastoe; 5. Rotherham; 6. Saints; 7. Danny Hagan; 8. Imps; 9. Luton; 10. Terry; 11. Russell Osman; 12. Northampton.

RIDDLE TIME: David Cross.

BLANKETY BLANK: 1. Peter Withe, Aston Villa, Wembley; 2. Ian Rush, Chester; 3. Newcastle; 4. Abbey Stadium, John Docherty; 5. Norwich, Nottingham Forest.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW: A — Kevin Dillon (Birmingham to Portsmouth); B — Terry Connor (Leeds to Brighton); C — Tommy English (Coventry to Leicester); D — Steve Hardwick (Newcastle to Oxford).

STOP THE ACTION: A — Arsenal 0, West Ham 1; B — Liam Brady, Brian Talbot, Trevor Brooking; C — Liam Brady (Sampdoria); D — Paul Allen (West Ham); E — Arsenal beat Liverpool while West Ham knocked out Everton.

SPOT THE BALL: C.

NAME THE CLUB: Wimbledon.

GOOD FOR A START: 1. Plymouth; 2. Southport; 3. Dundee; 4. Leicester; 5.

# ANSWERS

Chelsea; 6. Wrexham.

MATCH 'EM UP: 1—C; 2—B; 3—A; 4—E; 5—D.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: 1. Celtic missing front shirt; 2. Light bulb missing; 3. Rangers missing off rosette; 4. Extra stripe on lampshade; 5. Coat hook gone; 6. Man's shoelace undone; 7. Girl has dark hair; 8. Button on cuff; 9. Check missing off jacket; 10. Black pom-pom on slippers.

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ACROSS: 13. whistle; 14. Acme Thunderer; 15. Hornets; 17. Winstanley; 18. shin; 19. ends; 20. Carrow Road; 22. medal; 24. Orient; 27. Rooke; 28. Street; 30. Cross; 34. kick-off; 36. Geraint Williams; 37. Scouler; 41. Bohemians; 42. floodlights; 45. Barry Hole; 48. equally-matched; 51. Berwick Rangers; 55. blue; 56. Ted; 58. Steele; 59. goalie; 60 & 85 across. dog-tracks; 61. draw; 62. lost five-four; 63. Perry; 64. Sandy Jardine; 65. Train; 67. Simon; 69. Bragg; 73. Gregg; 75 & 53 down. Preston North End; 78. Yeats; Spirin; 95. See 128 down; 96. Bobby; 98. Tichy; 99. level; 101. Birch; 102.

net; 103. Alan; 104. Drew; 107. Barnwell; 108. reserves; 111. Lyons (York); 113. Waters; 116. Elviss; 118. Tunks; 119. Jesse; 120. Milan; 122. Cook; 123. Rice; 124. trap; 126. York; 127. Noel; 128 & 95 down. nine-one. 80. Tommy Baldwin; 82, 84 & 87. Luis Del Sol; 85. See 60 across; 86. Barron; 87. See 82 across; 88. Nish; 89. adds injury time; 91. Alan Curbishley; 94. Bobby Bell; 97. Steve Powell; 100. Clydebank; 105. Wembley; 106. Blackburn Rovers; 109. Barrett; 110. Lloyd; 112. twenty; 114. Rinus; 115. Lawler; 117. Shots; 121. Colchester; 124. Town; 125. Gray; 127. new signing; 129. sponsor; 130. Charlie George; 131. Staines.

DOWN: 1. Kiss; 2. Stead (hidden); 3. Mellor; 4. Gary; 5. Imps; 6. St Mirren; 7. O'Donnell; 8. Ards; 9. Eric; 10. Sharpe; 11. Bryon; 12. Kerr; 13. See 38 down; 16. Seals; 21. Boswell; 23. Ankle; 25. Eves; 26. trail; 28. Swift; 29. Rome; 31. Rough; 32. See 77 down; 33. scoring goals; 35. Ivo; 38 & 13 down. all-white; 39. Andy; 40. Carr; 43. overlap; 44. Gregory; 46. Causio; 47. Screen; 48. Elliott; 49. Uwe; 50. clear; 52. Wales; 53. See 75 across; 54. Shannon; 57. Deere; 60. Doyle; 66. Asa; 68. Mee; 69. Bermuda; 70. good dribbler; 71. final; 72. Hayes;

73. goalless draw; 74. Grimsby; 76. return; 77 & 32 down. Heart of Midlothian; 78. Yakimov; 79. Swallow; 80. Turin; 81. Moncur; 83. Sid; 88. nil; 90. July; 92. Bill; 93.

## QUESTION TIME Pages 108-109

1. Peter Withe.

2. Spurs. It was the first time the London club had been beaten in the competition for over two years and ended their hat-trick dream.

3. Ipswich, West Ham, Norwich (twice) and Southampton.

4. Justin Fashanu.

5. Sunderland.

6. Juventus and Widzew Lodz.

7. Dave Watson and Frans Thijssen.

8. Waterschei 5-1.

9. Paul Walsh (Luton) and Bob Latchford (Swansea).

10. Hong Kong.

11. Birmingham, Coventry and Spurs.

12. Brighton and Leeds.

13. Gordon Smith for Brighton and Rangers.

14. 2-1 Ronnie Whelan.

15. Dillon (Portsmouth), Curbishley (Aston Villa), Todd (Notts Forest) and Whatmore (Oxford).

16. Raddy Antic.

17. Derby, Nottingham Forest and Birmingham.

18. Valencia — 0-0 and 1-2.

19. John Toshack (Swansea).

20. Lincoln.

**FULL NAME:** Christopher Hughton.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Forest Gate, London, December 11, 1958.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5ft 7ins./10st.8lb.  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Cheryl.  
**CHILDREN:** Leon and Carleen.  
**CAR:** Talbot Solara GL.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** Lift engineer.

**WORST EVER INJURY:** Ankle ligament trouble.

**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** My team-mate Glenn Hoddle. He has unbelievable natural ability and great vision.

**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Crystal Palace.

**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Ossie Ardiles (Argentina). He has perfect balance and is so strong for a small man.

**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Jennings (N. Ireland), Cohen, McFarland, Moore, Cooper, Hoddle, Ball (all England), Brady (Eire), Greaves, Charlton R (England), Best (N.Ireland).

**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Jennings, Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Passarella (Argentina), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Junior, Jairzinho, Tostao, Gerson,

Rivelino (all Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil).

**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Old Trafford.

**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Barcelona, Spain.

**BEST GOAL SCORED:** Against arch-rivals Arsenal at White Hart Lane, 1981-82 season.

**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** Pele's magnificent goal in the 1970 World Cup Finals when he caught the ball on his chest before hammering it home.

**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Former Coventry and Man. City star Tommy Hutchison.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** 1981 FA Cup Final Replay against Man. City.

**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** As above.

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Eire not qualifying for the 1982 World Cup Finals.

**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Athletics, tennis and boxing.

**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Listening to music, eating out and having a bath with my children.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Ignorant people, being late and trying to sleep after a game.

**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Fame. **TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** The Krypton Factor.

**FAVOURITE READING:** 'Match Weekly'.

**FAVOURITE POP STAR:** Stevie Wonder.

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Curried chicken.

**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Coca Cola. **BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** South of France.

**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Billy Dee Williams/Victoria Principal.

**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** Rocky III.

**BEST FRIEND:** I have many.

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Spurs coach Peter Shreeves and Don Henry.

**WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Playing on heavy grounds.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** None.

**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Chicken.

**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Full Eire caps.

**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be successful in whatever I do.

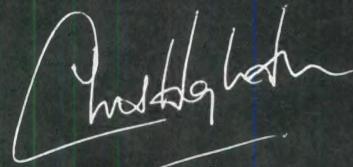
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To play in the 1986 World Cup Finals.

**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** I'd like to be involved in the fashion clothing business.

**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Spurs reserve 'keeper Tony Parks and winger Richard Cooke.

**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Stevie Wonder.

**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** Don't run until you can walk and always be prepared to listen to advice.



Chris Hughton is flanked by Tottenham team-mates Paul Miller (left) and Tony Galvin (right) during Spurs' 1982 FA Cup Final celebrations.

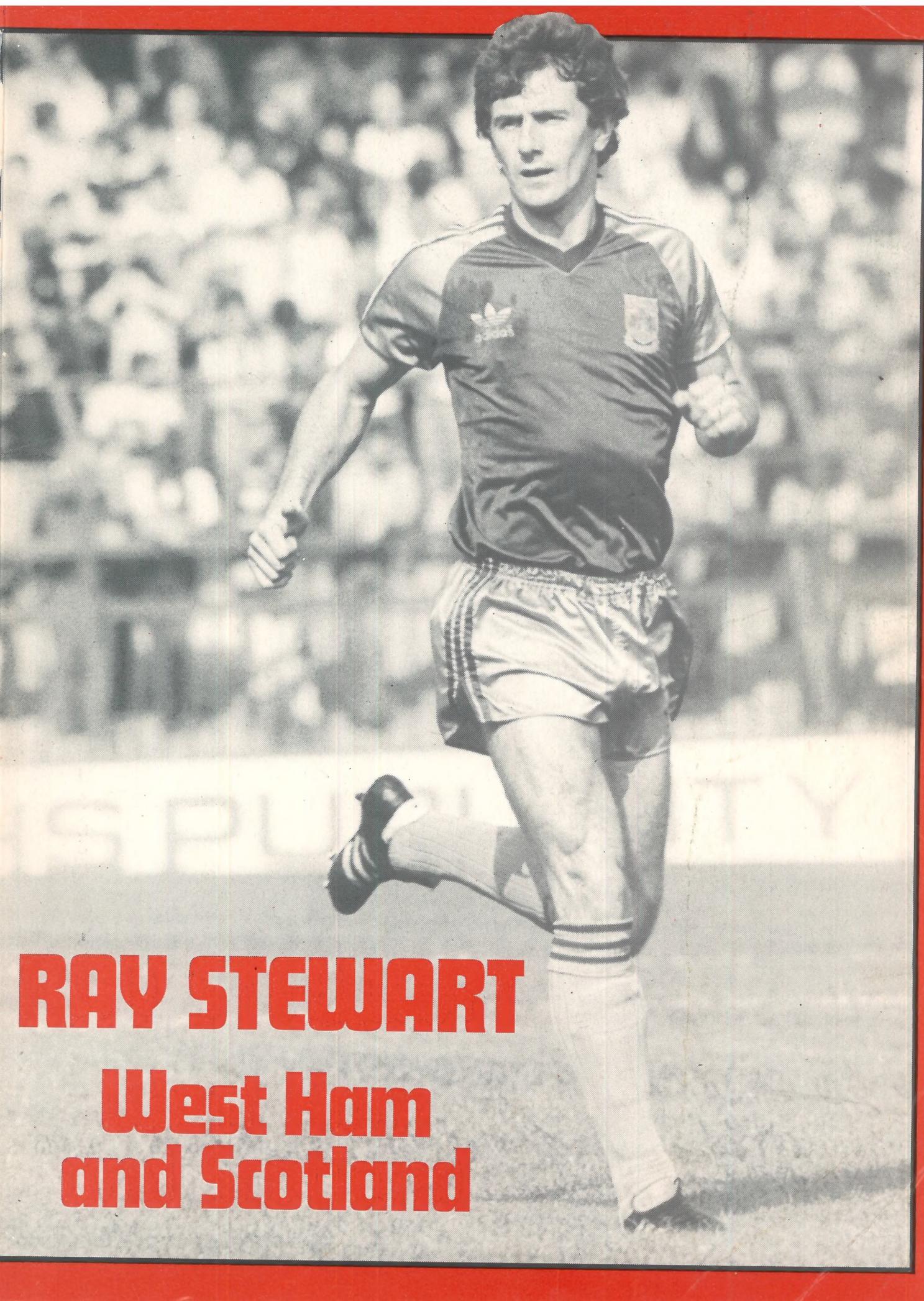




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